

The p -capacitary Orlicz-Hadamard variational formula and Orlicz-Minkowski problems *

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Abstract

In this paper, combining the p -capacity for $p \in (1, n)$ with the Orlicz addition of convex domains, we develop the p -capacitary Orlicz-Brunn-Minkowski theory. In particular, the Orlicz L_ϕ mixed p -capacity of two convex domains is introduced and its geometric interpretation is obtained by the p -capacitary Orlicz-Hadamard variational formula. The p -capacitary Orlicz-Brunn-Minkowski and Orlicz-Minkowski inequalities are established, and the equivalence of these two inequalities are discussed as well. The p -capacitary Orlicz-Minkowski problem is proposed and solved under some mild conditions on the involving functions and measures. In particular, we provide the solutions for the normalized p -capacitary L_q Minkowski problems with $q > 1$ for both discrete and general measures.

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1 Introduction

The classical Minkowski problem aims to find the necessary and/or sufficient conditions on a given finite Borel measure μ defined on the unit sphere $S^{n-1} \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ such that μ is the surface area measure of a convex body (i.e., a convex and compact subset of \mathbb{R}^n with nonempty interior). Its L_q extension, namely the L_q Minkowski problem [31], has been a central object of interest in convex geometric analysis for decades and has received extensive considerations (see e.g., [8, 9, 21, 23, 32, 41, 51, 52, 53]). Both the classical and L_q Minkowski problems are related to function $\varphi = t^q$ for $0 \neq q \in \mathbb{R}$. There are versions of Minkowski problems related to other functions, for instance, the L_0 Minkowski or logarithmic Minkowski problems [4, 6, 38, 39, 40, 50] and the Orlicz-Minkowski problem [17, 22].

Replacing the surface area measure in the classical Minkowski problem by the p -capacitary measure for $p \in (1, n)$, the following p -capacitary L_1 Minkowski problem can be asked and is of central importance in the development of the p -capacitary Brunn-Minkowski theory: *under what conditions on a given finite Borel measure μ defined on S^{n-1} , one can find a convex domain (i.e., the interior of a convex body) whose p -capacitary measure is equal to μ ?* When $p = 2$, this has been solved in the seminal papers by Jerison [24, 25]. A solution of this problem for $p \in (1, 2)$ was given by Colesanti, Nyström, Salani, Xiao, Yang and Zhang in their remarkable paper [11]. The normalized p -capacitary L_1 Minkowski problem for all $p \in (1, n)$ was completely solved by Xiao and the three authors of this paper in [19], where the necessary and sufficient conditions for the finite Borel measure μ being the p -capacitary measure of a convex domain were provided.

In view of the classical Minkowski problem and its various extensions, it is important to investigate the p -capacitary L_q Minkowski and Orlicz-Minkowski problems. More precisely, we

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propose the following question: *under what conditions on a given function ϕ and a given finite Borel measure μ defined on S^{n-1} , one can find a convex domain Ω such that the origin o is in its closure and*

$$\frac{\mu}{\phi(h_\Omega)} = \tau \cdot \mu_p(\Omega, \cdot),$$

where $\tau > 0$ is a constant? Hereafter, $\mu_p(\Omega, \cdot)$ defined on S^{n-1} denotes the p -capacitary measure of Ω , and h_Ω denotes the support function of Ω (see Section 2 for notations). When $\phi = t^{q-1}$ for $q \in \mathbb{R}$, one gets the following normalized p -capacitary L_q Minkowski problem: *under what conditions on a given finite Borel measure μ defined on S^{n-1} , one can find a convex domain Ω such that the origin o is in its closure and*

$$\mu \cdot h_\Omega^{q-1} \cdot C_p(\Omega) = c(n, p, q, \mu) \cdot \mu_p(\Omega, \cdot),$$

where $c(n, p, q, \mu) > 0$ is a constant and $C_p(\Omega)$ is the p -capacity of Ω ? In Subsection 5.1, we provide a solution for the above p -capacitary Minkowski problems for discrete measures under the very limited assumption on μ : *the support of μ is not contained in any closed hemisphere*. This assumption is the minimal requirement for the solutions of various Minkowski problems. A solution of the above p -capacitary Minkowski problems for general measures is provided in Subsection 5.2.

The p -capacitary measure can be derived from an integral related to the p -equilibrium potential of Ω . Note that the p -equilibrium potential of Ω is the solution of a p -Laplace equation with certain boundary conditions (see Subsection 2.2 for details). For a convex domain $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$, the Poincaré p -capacity formula [11] asserts that the p -capacity of Ω has the following form:

$$C_p(\Omega) = \frac{p-1}{n-p} \int_{S^{n-1}} h_\Omega(u) d\mu_p(\Omega, u). \quad (1.1)$$

Although the definition of the p -capacity involves rather complicate partial differential equations, formula (1.1) suggests that the p -capacity has high resemblance with the volume. For a convex domain $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$, its volume can be calculated by

$$|\Omega| = \frac{1}{n} \int_{S^{n-1}} h_\Omega(u) dS(\Omega, u),$$

with $S(\Omega, \cdot)$ the surface area measure of Ω defined on S^{n-1} . For instance, the p -capacitary Brunn-Minkowski inequality asserts that for all convex domains Ω and Ω_1 , one has

$$C_p(\Omega + \Omega_1)^{\frac{1}{n-p}} \geq C_p(\Omega)^{\frac{1}{n-p}} + C_p(\Omega_1)^{\frac{1}{n-p}}, \quad (1.2)$$

with equality if and only if Ω and Ω_1 are homothetic (see [2, 7, 10]). Hereafter

$$\Omega + \Omega_1 = \{x + y : x \in \Omega, y \in \Omega_1\}$$

denotes the Minkowski sum of Ω and Ω_1 . Inequality (1.2) has the formula similar to the classical Brunn-Minkowski inequality regarding the volume:

$$|\Omega + \Omega_1|^{\frac{1}{n}} \geq |\Omega|^{\frac{1}{n}} + |\Omega_1|^{\frac{1}{n}},$$

with equality if and only if Ω and Ω_1 are homothetic (see e.g., [13, 37]). Moreover, the p -capacitary Minkowski inequality (2.13) shares the formula similar to its volume counterpart (see e.g., [11, 13, 37]).

Sections 3 and 4 in this paper reveal another surprising similarity between the p -capacity and the volume regarding the Orlicz additions. We develop the p -capacitary Orlicz-Brunn-Minkowski theory based on the combination of the Orlicz additions and the p -capacity. The Orlicz additions were proposed by Gardner, Hug and Weil in [14] and independently by Xi, Jin and Leng in [43], in order to provide the foundation of the newly initiated Orlicz-Brunn-Minkowski theory for convex bodies (with respect to volume) starting from the works [33, 34] of Lutwak, Yang and Zhang. The Orlicz theory is in great demand (see e.g., [48] for some motivations) and is rapidly developing (see e.g., [3, 5, 18, 30, 42, 45, 46, 47, 54]). In particular, we establish the p -capacitary Orlicz-Brunn-Minkowski inequality (see Theorem 4.1) and Orlicz-Minkowski inequality (see Theorem 3.2). The p -capacitary Orlicz-Minkowski inequality provides a tight lower bound for $C_{p,\phi}(\Omega, \Omega_1)$, the Orlicz L_ϕ mixed p -capacity of $\Omega, \Omega_1 \in \mathcal{C}_0$ (the collection of all convex domains containing the origin), in terms of $C_p(\Omega)$ and $C_p(\Omega_1)$. In Theorem 3.1, we prove the p -capacitary Orlicz-Hadamard variational formula based on a linear Orlicz addition of $\Omega, \Omega_1 \in \mathcal{C}_0$. This p -capacitary Orlicz-Hadamard variational formula gives a geometric interpretation of $C_{p,\phi}(\Omega, \Omega_1)$. Section 2 is for the necessary background and notation. More details could be found in [11, 12, 37].

2 Background and Notations

Throughout this paper, $n \geq 2$ is a natural number. A subset $K \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ is convex if $\lambda x + (1 - \lambda)y \in K$ for any $x, y \in K$ and $\lambda \in [0, 1]$. A convex set $K \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ is a convex body if K is also compact with nonempty interior. Denote by \mathcal{K}_0 the set of convex bodies in \mathbb{R}^n with the origin in their interiors. The usual Euclidean norm is written by $\|\cdot\|$ and the origin of \mathbb{R}^n is denoted by o . Let $\{e_1, \dots, e_n\}$ be the standard orthonormal basis of \mathbb{R}^n . Define $\lambda K = \{\lambda x : x \in K\}$ for $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ and $K \subset \mathbb{R}^n$. For a convex body $K \in \mathcal{K}_0$, $|K|$ refers to the volume of K and \mathcal{H}^{n-1} refers to the $n - 1$ dimensional Hausdorff measure of ∂K , the boundary of K . For a set $E \subset \mathbb{R}^n$, define $\text{conv}(E)$, the convex hull of E , to be the smallest convex set containing E . Let $\theta^\perp = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : \langle x, \theta \rangle = 0\}$ for $\theta \in S^{n-1}$.

The support function of a convex compact set K containing the origin is the function $h_K : S^{n-1} \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ defined by

$$h_K(u) = \max_{y \in K} \langle y, u \rangle,$$

where $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ is the usual inner product on \mathbb{R}^n . Hereafter, S^{n-1} is the unit sphere of \mathbb{R}^n which consists of all unit vectors in \mathbb{R}^n . Note that the support function h_K can be extended to $\mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{o\}$ by

$$h_K(x) = h_K(ru) = rh_K(u)$$

for $x = ru$ with $u \in S^{n-1}$ and $r \geq 0$. Clearly $h_K : S^{n-1} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is sublinear. Any convex body $K \in \mathcal{K}_0$ is uniquely characterized by its support function. Two convex bodies $K, L \in \mathcal{K}_0$ are said to be dilates of each other if $h_K = c \cdot h_L$ for some constant $c > 0$; K and L are said to be homothetic to each other if $K - a$ dilates L for some $a \in \mathbb{R}^n$. On \mathcal{K}_0 , the Hausdorff metric $d_H(\cdot, \cdot)$ is a natural way to measure the distance of two convex bodies $K, L \in \mathcal{K}_0$:

$$d_H(K, L) = \max_{u \in S^{n-1}} |h_K(u) - h_L(u)| = \|h_K - h_L\|_\infty.$$

The Blaschke selection theorem (see e.g., [37]) states that *every bounded sequence of convex bodies has a subsequence that converges to a (possibly degenerated) convex compact set*.

Note that $K \in \mathcal{K}_0$ can be formulated by the intersection of hyperspaces as follows:

$$K = \bigcap_{u \in S^{n-1}} \left\{ x \in \mathbb{R}^n : \langle x, u \rangle \leq h_K(u) \right\}.$$

By $C^+(S^{n-1})$ we mean the set of all continuous and positive functions defined on S^{n-1} . The metric $d(\cdot, \cdot)$ on $C^+(S^{n-1})$ is assumed to be the one induced by the maximal norm: for all $f, g \in C^+(S^{n-1})$,

$$d(f, g) = \|f - g\|_\infty = \max_{u \in S^{n-1}} |f(u) - g(u)|.$$

Associated to each $f \in C^+(S^{n-1})$, one can define a convex body $K_f \in \mathcal{K}_0$ by

$$K_f = \bigcap_{u \in S^{n-1}} \left\{ x \in \mathbb{R}^n : \langle x, u \rangle \leq f(u) \right\}.$$

The convex body K_f is called the Aleksandrov body associated to $f \in C^+(S^{n-1})$. The Aleksandrov body provides a powerful tool in convex geometry and plays crucial roles in this paper. Here we list some important properties for the Aleksandrov body which will be used in later context. First of all, if $f \in C^+(S^{n-1})$ is the support function of a convex body $K \in \mathcal{K}_0$, then $K = K_f$. Secondly, for $f \in C^+(S^{n-1})$, $h_{K_f}(u) \leq f(u)$ for all $u \in S^{n-1}$, and $h_{K_f}(u) = f(u)$ almost everywhere with respect to $S(K_f, \cdot)$, the surface area measure of K_f defined on S^{n-1} . Recall that $S(K, \cdot)$ has the following geometric interpretation (see e.g., [37, page 111]): for any Borel set $\Sigma \subset S^{n-1}$,

$$S(K, \Sigma) = \mathcal{H}^{n-1}\{x \in \partial K : g(x) \in \Sigma\}, \quad (2.3)$$

where $g : \partial K \rightarrow S^{n-1}$ is the Gauss map of K , that is, $g(x) \in S^{n-1}$ is a unit outer normal vector of ∂K at x . Furthermore, the convergence of $\{K_{f_m}\}_{m \geq 1}$ in the Hausdorff metric is guaranteed by the convergence of $\{f_m\}_{m \geq 1}$. This is the Aleksandrov's convergence lemma [1]: if the sequence $f_1, f_2, \dots \in C^+(S^{n-1})$ converges to $f \in C^+(S^{n-1})$ in the metric $d(\cdot, \cdot)$, then $K_{f_1}, K_{f_2}, \dots \in \mathcal{K}_0$ converges to $K_f \in \mathcal{K}_0$ with respect to the Hausdorff metric. For more background on convex geometry, please refer to [37].

2.1 Orlicz addition and the Orlicz-Brunn-Minkowski theory of convex bodies

Let $m \geq 1$ be an integer number. Denote by Φ_m the set of convex functions $\varphi : [0, \infty)^m \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ that are increasing in each variable, and satisfy $\varphi(o) = 0$ and $\varphi(e_j) = 1$ for $j = 1, \dots, m$. The Orlicz L_φ sum of $K_1, \dots, K_m \in \mathcal{K}_0$ [15] is the convex body $+_\varphi(K_1, \dots, K_m)$ whose support function $h_{+_\varphi(K_1, \dots, K_m)}$ is defined by the unique positive solution of the following equation:

$$\varphi\left(\frac{h_{K_1}(u)}{\lambda}, \dots, \frac{h_{K_m}(u)}{\lambda}\right) = 1, \quad \text{for } u \in S^{n-1}.$$

That is, for each fixed $u \in S^{n-1}$,

$$\varphi\left(\frac{h_{K_1}(u)}{h_{+_\varphi(K_1, \dots, K_m)}(u)}, \dots, \frac{h_{K_m}(u)}{h_{+_\varphi(K_1, \dots, K_m)}(u)}\right) = 1.$$

The fact that $\varphi \in \Phi_m$ is increasing in each variable implies that, for $j = 1, \dots, m$,

$$K_j \subset +_\varphi(K_1, \dots, K_m). \quad (2.4)$$

It is easily checked that if K_i for all $1 < i \leq m$ are dilates of K_1 , then $+_\varphi(K_1, \dots, K_m)$ is dilate of K_1 as well. The related Orlicz-Brunn-Minkowski inequality has the following form:

$$\varphi\left(\frac{|K_1|^{1/n}}{|+_\varphi(K_1, \dots, K_m)|^{1/n}}, \dots, \frac{|K_m|^{1/n}}{|+_\varphi(K_1, \dots, K_m)|^{1/n}}\right) \leq 1. \quad (2.5)$$

The classical Brunn-Minkowski and the L_q Brunn-Minkowski inequalities are associated to $\varphi(x_1, \dots, x_m) = \sum_{i=1}^m x_i \in \Phi_m$ and $\varphi(x_1, \dots, x_m) = \sum_{i=1}^m x_i^q \in \Phi_m$ with $q > 1$, respectively. In these cases, the L_q sum of K_1, \dots, K_m for $q \geq 1$ is the convex body $K_1 +_q \dots +_q K_m$ whose support function is formulated by

$$h_{K_1 +_q \dots +_q K_m}^q = h_{K_1}^q + \dots + h_{K_m}^q.$$

When $q = 1$, we often write $K_1 + \dots + K_m$ instead of $K_1 +_1 \dots +_1 K_m$.

Consider the convex body $K +_{\varphi, \varepsilon} L \in \mathcal{K}_0$ whose support function is given by, for $u \in S^{n-1}$,

$$1 = \varphi_1 \left(\frac{h_K(u)}{h_{K +_{\varphi, \varepsilon} L}(u)} \right) + \varepsilon \varphi_2 \left(\frac{h_L(u)}{h_{K +_{\varphi, \varepsilon} L}(u)} \right), \quad (2.6)$$

where $\varepsilon > 0$, $K, L \in \mathcal{K}_0$, and $\varphi_1, \varphi_2 \in \Phi_1$. If $(\varphi_1)'_l(1)$, the left derivative of φ_1 at $t = 1$, exists and is positive, then the L_{φ_2} mixed volume of $K, L \in \mathcal{K}_0$ can be defined by [15, 43, 49]

$$V_{\varphi_2}(K, L) = \frac{(\varphi_1)'_l(1)}{n} \cdot \frac{d}{d\varepsilon} |K +_{\varphi, \varepsilon} L| \Big|_{\varepsilon=0^+} = \frac{1}{n} \int_{S^{n-1}} \varphi_2 \left(\frac{h_L(u)}{h_K(u)} \right) h_K(u) dS(K, u). \quad (2.7)$$

Together with the Orlicz-Brunn-Minkowski inequality (2.5), one gets the following fundamental Orlicz-Minkowski inequality: if $\varphi \in \Phi_1$, then for all $K, L \in \mathcal{K}_0$,

$$V_{\varphi}(K, L) \geq |K| \cdot \varphi \left(\left(\frac{|L|}{|K|} \right)^{1/n} \right),$$

with equality, if in addition φ is strictly convex, if and only if K and L are dilates of each other. The classical Minkowski and the L_q Minkowski inequalities are associated with $\varphi = t$ and $\varphi = t^q$ for $q > 1$ respectively.

Formula (2.7) was proved in [15, 43] with assumptions $\varphi_1, \varphi_2 \in \Phi_1$ (i.e., convex and increasing functions); however, it can be extended to more general increasing or decreasing functions [49]. To this end, we work on the following classes of nonnegative continuous functions:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{I} &= \{\phi : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty) \text{ such that } \phi \text{ is strictly increasing with } \phi(1) = 1, \phi(0) = 0, \phi(\infty) = \infty\}, \\ \mathcal{D} &= \{\phi : (0, \infty) \rightarrow (0, \infty) \text{ such that } \phi \text{ is strictly decreasing with } \phi(1) = 1, \phi(0) = \infty, \phi(\infty) = 0\}, \end{aligned}$$

where for simplicity we let $\phi(0) = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \phi(t)$ and $\phi(\infty) = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \phi(t)$. Note that results may still hold if the normalization on $\phi(0)$, $\phi(1)$ and $\phi(\infty)$ are replaced by other quantities. The linear Orlicz addition of h_K and h_L in formula (2.6) can be defined in the same way for either $\varphi_1, \varphi_2 \in \mathcal{I}$ or $\varphi_1, \varphi_2 \in \mathcal{D}$. Namely, for either $\varphi_1, \varphi_2 \in \mathcal{I}$ or $\varphi_1, \varphi_2 \in \mathcal{D}$, and for $\varepsilon > 0$, define $f_{\varepsilon} : S^{n-1} \rightarrow (0, \infty)$ the linear Orlicz addition of h_K and h_L by, for $u \in S^{n-1}$,

$$\varphi_1 \left(\frac{h_K(u)}{f_{\varepsilon}(u)} \right) + \varepsilon \varphi_2 \left(\frac{h_L(u)}{f_{\varepsilon}(u)} \right) = 1. \quad (2.8)$$

See [20] for more details. In general, f_{ε} may not be the support function of a convex body; however f_{ε} is the support function of $K +_{\varphi, \varepsilon} L$ when $\varphi_1, \varphi_2 \in \Phi_1$. It is easily checked that $f_{\varepsilon} \in C^+(S^{n-1})$ for all $\varepsilon > 0$. Moreover, $h_K \leq f_{\varepsilon}$ if $\varphi_1, \varphi_2 \in \mathcal{I}$ and $h_K \geq f_{\varepsilon}$ if $\varphi_1, \varphi_2 \in \mathcal{D}$. Denote by K_{ε} the Aleksandrov body associated to f_{ε} . The following result [49] extends formula (2.7) to not necessarily convex functions φ_1 and φ_2 : if $K, L \in \mathcal{K}_0$ and $\varphi_1, \varphi_2 \in \mathcal{I}$ such that $(\varphi_1)'_l(1)$ exists and is positive, then

$$V_{\varphi_2}(K, L) = \frac{(\varphi_1)'_l(1)}{n} \cdot \frac{d}{d\varepsilon} |K_{\varepsilon}| \Big|_{\varepsilon=0^+} = \frac{1}{n} \int_{S^{n-1}} \varphi_2 \left(\frac{h_L(u)}{h_K(u)} \right) h_K(u) dS(K, u), \quad (2.9)$$

while if $\varphi_1, \varphi_2 \in \mathcal{D}$ such that $(\varphi_1)'_r(1)$, the right derivative of φ_1 at $t = 1$, exists and is nonzero, then (2.9) holds with $(\varphi_1)'_l(1)$ replaced by $(\varphi_1)'_r(1)$.

2.2 The p -Capacity

Throughout this paper, the standard notation $C_c^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)$ denotes the set of all infinitely differentiable functions with compact support in \mathbb{R}^n and ∇f denotes the gradient of f . Let $n \geq 2$ be an integer and $p \in (1, n)$. The p -capacity of a compact subset $E \subset \mathbb{R}^n$, denoted by $C_p(E)$, is defined by

$$C_p(E) = \inf \left\{ \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \|\nabla f\|^p dx : f \in C_c^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n) \text{ such that } f \geq 1 \text{ on } E \right\}.$$

If $O \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ is an open set, then the p -capacity of O is defined by

$$C_p(O) = \sup \{ C_p(E) : E \subset O \text{ and } E \text{ is a compact set in } \mathbb{R}^n \}.$$

For general bounded measurable subset $F \subset \mathbb{R}^n$, the p -capacity of F is then defined by

$$C_p(F) = \inf \{ C_p(O) : F \subset O \text{ and } O \text{ is an open set in } \mathbb{R}^n \}.$$

The p -capacity is monotone, that is, if $A \subset B$ are two measurable subsets of \mathbb{R}^n , then $C_p(A) \leq C_p(B)$. It is translation invariant: $C_p(F + x_0) = C_p(F)$ for all $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and measurable subset $F \subset \mathbb{R}^n$. Its homogeneous degree is $n - p$, i.e., for all $\lambda > 0$,

$$C_p(\lambda A) = \lambda^{n-p} C_p(A). \quad (2.10)$$

For $K \in \mathcal{K}_0$, let $\text{int}(K)$ denote its interior. It follows from the monotonicity of the p -capacity that $C_p(\text{int}(K)) \leq C_p(K)$. On the other hand, for all $\varepsilon > 0$, one sees that

$$K \subset (1 + \varepsilon) \cdot \text{int}(K).$$

It follows from the homogeneity and the monotonicity of the p -capacity that

$$C_p(K) \leq (1 + \varepsilon)^{n-p} \cdot C_p(\text{int}(K)).$$

Hence $C_p(\text{int}(K)) = C_p(K)$ for all $K \in \mathcal{K}_0$ by letting $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0^+$. Please see [12] for more properties.

Following the convention in the literature of p -capacity, in later context we will work on convex domains containing the origin, i.e., all open subsets $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ whose closure $\overline{\Omega} \in \mathcal{K}_0$. For convenience, we use \mathcal{C}_0 to denote the set of all open convex domains containing the origin. Moreover, geometric notations for $\Omega \in \mathcal{C}_0$, such as the support function and the surface area measure, are considered to be the ones for its closure, for instance,

$$h_\Omega(u) = \sup_{x \in \Omega} \langle x, u \rangle = h_{\overline{\Omega}}(u) \quad \text{for } u \in S^{n-1}.$$

There exists the p -capacitary measure of $\Omega \in \mathcal{C}_0$, denoted by $\mu_p(\Omega, \cdot)$, on S^{n-1} such that for any Borel set $\Sigma \subset S^{n-1}$ (see e.g., [26, 28, 29]),

$$\mu_p(\Omega, \Sigma) = \int_{g^{-1}(\Sigma)} \|\nabla U_\Omega\|^p d\mathcal{H}^{n-1}, \quad (2.11)$$

where $g^{-1} : S^{n-1} \rightarrow \partial\Omega$ is the inverse Gauss map (i.e., $g^{-1}(u)$ contains all points $x \in \partial\Omega$ such that u is an unit outer normal vector of x) and U_Ω is the p -equilibrium potential of Ω . Note that U_Ω is the unique solution to the boundary value problem of the following p -Laplace equation

$$\begin{cases} \operatorname{div} (\|\nabla U\|^{p-2} \nabla U) = 0 & \text{in } \mathbb{R}^n \setminus \overline{\Omega}, \\ U = 1 & \text{on } \partial\Omega, \\ \lim_{\|x\| \rightarrow \infty} U(x) = 0. \end{cases}$$

With the help of the p -capacitary measure, the Poincaré p -capacity formula [11] gives

$$C_p(\Omega) = \frac{p-1}{n-p} \int_{S^{n-1}} h_\Omega(u) d\mu_p(\Omega, u).$$

Lemma 4.1 in [11] asserts that $\mu_p(\Omega_m, \cdot)$ converges to $\mu_p(\Omega, \cdot)$ weakly on S^{n-1} and hence $C_p(\Omega_m)$ converges to $C_p(\Omega)$, if Ω_m converges to Ω in the Hausdorff metric.

The beautiful Hadamard variational formula for $C_p(\cdot)$ was provided in [11]: for two convex domains $\Omega, \Omega_1 \in \mathcal{C}_0$, one has

$$\frac{1}{n-p} \cdot \frac{dC_p(\Omega + \varepsilon\Omega_1)}{d\varepsilon} \Big|_{\varepsilon=0} = \frac{p-1}{n-p} \int_{S^{n-1}} h_{\Omega_1}(u) d\mu_p(\Omega, u) =: C_p(\Omega, \Omega_1), \quad (2.12)$$

where $C_p(\Omega, \Omega_1)$ is called the mixed p -capacity of Ω and Ω_1 . By (1.2) and (2.12), one gets the p -capacitary Minkowski inequality

$$C_p(\Omega, \Omega_1)^{n-p} \geq C_p(\Omega)^{n-p-1} C_p(\Omega_1), \quad (2.13)$$

with equality if and only if Ω and Ω_1 are homothetic [11]. It is also well known that the centroid of $\mu_p(\Omega, \cdot)$ is o , that is,

$$\int_{S^{n-1}} u d\mu_p(\Omega, u) = o.$$

Moreover, the support of $\mu_p(\Omega, \cdot)$ is not contained in any closed hemisphere, i.e., there exists a constant $c > 0$ (see e.g., [44, Theorem 1]) such that

$$\int_{S^{n-1}} \langle \theta, u \rangle_+ d\mu_p(\Omega, u) > c \quad \text{for each } \theta \in S^{n-1}, \quad (2.14)$$

where a_+ denotes $\max\{a, 0\}$ for all $a \in \mathbb{R}$.

For $\Omega \in \mathcal{C}_0$ and a Borel set $\Sigma \subset S^{n-1}$, let

$$\mu_p(\Omega, \Sigma) = \int_\Sigma d\mu_p(\Omega, u) \quad \text{and} \quad S(\overline{\Omega}, \Sigma) = \int_\Sigma dS(\overline{\Omega}, u).$$

The following lemma is needed to solve the p -capacitary Orlicz-Minkowski problems. See [19] for a more quantitative argument.

Lemma 2.1. *Let $\Omega \in \mathcal{C}_0$ be a convex domain and $1 < p < n$. For a Borel set $\Sigma \subset S^{n-1}$, $\mu_p(\Omega, \Sigma)$ and $S(\overline{\Omega}, \Sigma)$ either are both strictly positive or are both equal to 0.*

Proof. Let us recall Lemma 2.18 in [11]: if Ω is a convex domain such that Ω is contained in the ball $B(o, R)$ (centered at the origin with radius R), there exists a constant $\gamma = \gamma(n, p, R) \in (0, 1]$ such that $\|\nabla U_\Omega\| \geq \gamma$ almost everywhere on $\partial\Omega$ (with respect to \mathcal{H}^{n-1}). This together with formulas (2.3) and (2.11) yield that, for all Borel set $\Sigma \subset S^{n-1}$,

$$\mu_p(\Omega, \Sigma) = \int_{g^{-1}(\Sigma)} \|\nabla U_\Omega(x)\|^p d\mathcal{H}^{n-1}(x) \geq \gamma^p \cdot S(\overline{\Omega}, \Sigma).$$

Consequently if $\mu_p(\Omega, \Sigma) = 0$ then $S(\overline{\Omega}, \Sigma) = 0$ and if $S(\overline{\Omega}, \Sigma) > 0$ then $\mu_p(\Omega, \Sigma) > 0$.

On the other hand, assume that $S(\overline{\Omega}, \Sigma) = 0$ which implies $\mathcal{H}^{n-1}(g^{-1}(\Sigma)) = 0$. Together with formula (2.11) and the fact that $\|\nabla U_\Omega\|^p$ is integrable on $\partial\Omega$, one has

$$\mu_p(\Omega, \Sigma) = \int_{g^{-1}(\Sigma)} \|\nabla U_\Omega(x)\|^p d\mathcal{H}^{n-1}(x) = 0.$$

That is, if $S(\overline{\Omega}, \Sigma) = 0$ then $\mu_p(\Omega, \Sigma) = 0$ and if $\mu_p(\Omega, \Sigma) > 0$ then $S(\overline{\Omega}, \Sigma) > 0$. \square

For $f \in C^+(S^{n-1})$, denote by Ω_f the Aleksandrov domain associated to f (i.e., the interior of the Aleksandrov body associated to f). For $\Omega \in \mathcal{C}_0$ and $f \in C^+(S^{n-1})$, define the mixed p -capacity of Ω and f by

$$C_p(\Omega, f) = \frac{p-1}{n-p} \int_{S^{n-1}} f(u) d\mu_p(\Omega, u). \quad (2.15)$$

Clearly $C_p(\Omega, h_L) = C_p(\Omega, L)$ and $C_p(\Omega, h_\Omega) = C_p(\Omega)$ for all $\Omega, L \in \mathcal{C}_0$. Moreover,

$$C_p(\Omega_f) = C_p(\Omega_f, f) \quad (2.16)$$

holds for any $f \in C^+(S^{n-1})$. This is an immediate consequence of Lemma 2.1 (see also [11, (5.11)]).

3 The Orlicz L_ϕ mixed p -capacity and related Orlicz-Minkowski inequality

This section is dedicated to prove the p -capacitary Orlicz-Hadamard variational formula and establish the p -capacitary Orlicz-Minkowski inequality. Let $\phi : (0, \infty) \rightarrow (0, \infty)$ be a continuous function. We now define the Orlicz L_ϕ mixed p -capacity. The mixed p -capacity defined in (2.12) is related to $\phi = t$.

Definition 3.1. Let $\Omega, \Omega_1 \in \mathcal{C}_0$ be two convex domains. Define $C_{p,\phi}(\Omega, \Omega_1)$, the Orlicz L_ϕ mixed p -capacity of Ω and Ω_1 , by

$$C_{p,\phi}(\Omega, \Omega_1) = \frac{p-1}{n-p} \int_{S^{n-1}} \phi \left(\frac{h_{\Omega_1}(u)}{h_\Omega(u)} \right) h_\Omega(u) d\mu_p(\Omega, u). \quad (3.17)$$

When Ω and Ω_1 are dilates of each other, say $\Omega_1 = \lambda\Omega$ for some $\lambda > 0$, one has

$$C_{p,\phi}(\Omega, \lambda\Omega) = \phi(\lambda) C_p(\Omega). \quad (3.18)$$

Let φ_1 and φ_2 be either both in \mathcal{I} or both in \mathcal{D} . For $\varepsilon > 0$, let g_ε be defined as in (2.8). That is, for $\Omega, \Omega_1 \in \mathcal{C}_0$ and for $u \in S^{n-1}$,

$$\varphi_1 \left(\frac{h_\Omega(u)}{g_\varepsilon(u)} \right) + \varepsilon \varphi_2 \left(\frac{h_{\Omega_1}(u)}{g_\varepsilon(u)} \right) = 1.$$

Clearly $g_\varepsilon \in C^+(S^{n-1})$. Denote by $\Omega_\varepsilon \in \mathcal{C}_0$ the Aleksandrov domain associated to g_ε .

The following lemma for convex domains is identical to Lemma 5.1 in [49].

Lemma 3.1. Let $\Omega, \Omega_1 \in \mathcal{C}_0$ and $\varphi_1, \varphi_2 \in \mathcal{I}$ be such that $(\varphi_1)'_l(1)$ exists and is positive. Then

$$(\varphi_1)'_l(1) \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{g_\varepsilon(u) - h_\Omega(u)}{\varepsilon} = h_\Omega(u) \cdot \varphi_2 \left(\frac{h_{\Omega_1}(u)}{h_\Omega(u)} \right) \quad \text{uniformly on } S^{n-1}. \quad (3.19)$$

For $\varphi_1, \varphi_2 \in \mathcal{D}$, (3.19) holds with $(\varphi_1)'_l(1)$ replaced by $(\varphi_1)'_r(1)$.

From Lemma 3.1, one sees that g_ε converges to h_Ω uniformly on S^{n-1} . According to the Aleksandrov convergence lemma, Ω_ε converges to Ω in the Hausdorff metric. We are now ready to establish the geometric interpretation for the Orlicz L_ϕ mixed p -capacity. Formula (2.12) is the special case when $\varphi_1 = \varphi_2 = t$.

Theorem 3.1. *Let $\Omega, \Omega_1 \in \mathcal{C}_0$ be two convex domains. Suppose $\varphi_1, \varphi_2 \in \mathcal{J}$ such that $(\varphi_1)'_l(1)$ exists and is nonzero. Then*

$$C_{p,\varphi_2}(\Omega, \Omega_1) = \frac{(\varphi_1)'_l(1)}{n-p} \cdot \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{C_p(\Omega_\varepsilon) - C_p(\Omega)}{\varepsilon}.$$

With $(\varphi_1)'_l(1)$ replaced by $(\varphi_1)'_r(1)$ if $(\varphi_1)'_r(1)$ exists and is nonzero, one gets the analogous result for $\varphi_1, \varphi_2 \in \mathcal{D}$.

Proof. The proof of this theorem is similar to analogous results in [11, 15, 17, 43, 49]. A brief proof is included here for completeness. As $\Omega_\varepsilon \rightarrow \Omega$ in the Hausdorff metric, $\mu_p(\Omega_\varepsilon, \cdot) \rightarrow \mu_p(\Omega, \cdot)$ weakly on S^{n-1} due to Lemma 4.1 in [11]. Moreover, if $h_\varepsilon \rightarrow h$ uniformly on S^{n-1} , then

$$\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0^+} \int_{S^{n-1}} h_\varepsilon(u) d\mu_p(\Omega_\varepsilon, u) = \int_{S^{n-1}} h(u) d\mu_p(\Omega, u).$$

In particular, it follows from (2.15) and Lemma 3.1 that

$$\begin{aligned} (\varphi_1)'_l(1) \cdot \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{C_p(\Omega_\varepsilon, g_\varepsilon) - C_p(\Omega_\varepsilon, h_\Omega)}{\varepsilon} &= (\varphi_1)'_l(1) \cdot \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{p-1}{n-p} \int_{S^{n-1}} \frac{g_\varepsilon(u) - h_\Omega(u)}{\varepsilon} d\mu_p(\Omega_\varepsilon, u) \\ &= \frac{p-1}{n-p} \int_{S^{n-1}} h_\Omega(u) \varphi_2 \left(\frac{h_{\Omega_1}(u)}{h_\Omega(u)} \right) d\mu_p(\Omega, u) \\ &= C_{p,\varphi_2}(\Omega, \Omega_1). \end{aligned}$$

Inequality (2.13), formula (2.16), and the continuity of p -capacity yield that

$$\begin{aligned} C_{p,\varphi_2}(\Omega, \Omega_1) &= (\varphi_1)'_l(1) \cdot \liminf_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{C_p(\Omega_\varepsilon) - C_p(\Omega_\varepsilon, \Omega)}{\varepsilon} \\ &\leq (\varphi_1)'_l(1) \cdot \liminf_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0^+} \left[C_p(\Omega_\varepsilon)^{\frac{n-p-1}{n-p}} \cdot \frac{C_p(\Omega_\varepsilon)^{\frac{1}{n-p}} - C_p(\Omega)^{\frac{1}{n-p}}}{\varepsilon} \right] \\ &= (\varphi_1)'_l(1) \cdot C_p(\Omega)^{\frac{n-p-1}{n-p}} \cdot \liminf_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{C_p(\Omega_\varepsilon)^{\frac{1}{n-p}} - C_p(\Omega)^{\frac{1}{n-p}}}{\varepsilon}. \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, as $h_{\Omega_\varepsilon} \leq g_\varepsilon$ and $C_p(\Omega) = C_p(\Omega, h_\Omega)$, one has

$$\begin{aligned} C_{p,\varphi_2}(\Omega, \Omega_1) &= (\varphi_1)'_l(1) \cdot \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{p-1}{n-p} \int_{S^{n-1}} \frac{g_\varepsilon(u) - h_\Omega(u)}{\varepsilon} d\mu_p(\Omega, u) \\ &\geq (\varphi_1)'_l(1) \cdot \limsup_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{C_p(\Omega, \Omega_\varepsilon) - C_p(\Omega)}{\varepsilon} \\ &\geq (\varphi_1)'_l(1) \cdot C_p(\Omega)^{\frac{n-p-1}{n-p}} \cdot \limsup_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{C_p(\Omega_\varepsilon)^{\frac{1}{n-p}} - C_p(\Omega)^{\frac{1}{n-p}}}{\varepsilon}. \end{aligned}$$

This concludes that

$$\begin{aligned} C_{p,\varphi_2}(\Omega, \Omega_1) &= (\varphi_1)'_l(1) \cdot C_p(\Omega)^{\frac{n-p-1}{n-p}} \cdot \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{C_p(\Omega_\varepsilon)^{\frac{1}{n-p}} - C_p(\Omega)^{\frac{1}{n-p}}}{\varepsilon} \\ &= \frac{(\varphi_1)'_l(1)}{n-p} \cdot \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{C_p(\Omega_\varepsilon) - C_p(\Omega)}{\varepsilon}, \end{aligned}$$

where the second equality follows from a standard argument by the chain rule. \square

Let $p \in (1, n)$ and $q \neq 0$ be real numbers. For $\Omega, \Omega_1 \in \mathcal{C}_0$, define $C_{p,q}(\Omega, \Omega_1)$, the L_q mixed p -capacity of Ω and Ω_1 , by

$$C_{p,q}(\Omega, \Omega_1) = \frac{p-1}{n-p} \int_{S^{n-1}} [h_{\Omega_1}(u)]^q d\mu_{p,q}(\Omega, u), \quad (3.20)$$

where $\mu_{p,q}(\Omega, \cdot)$ denotes the L_q p -capacitary measure of Ω :

$$d\mu_{p,q}(\Omega, \cdot) = h_{\Omega}^{1-q} d\mu_p(\Omega, \cdot).$$

For $\varepsilon > 0$, let $h_{q,\varepsilon} = [h_{\Omega}^q + \varepsilon h_{\Omega_1}^q]^{1/q}$ and $\Omega_{h_{q,\varepsilon}}$ be the Aleksandrov domain associated to $h_{q,\varepsilon}$. By letting $\varphi_1 = \varphi_2 = t^q$ for $q \neq 0$ in Theorem 3.1, one gets the geometric interpretation for $C_{p,q}(\cdot, \cdot)$.

Corollary 3.1. *Let $\Omega, \Omega_1 \in \mathcal{C}_0$ and $p \in (1, n)$. For all $0 \neq q \in \mathbb{R}$, one has*

$$C_{p,q}(\Omega, \Omega_1) = \frac{q}{n-p} \cdot \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{C_p(\Omega_{h_{q,\varepsilon}}) - C_p(\Omega)}{\varepsilon}.$$

Regarding the Orlicz L_{ϕ} mixed p -capacity, one has the following p -capacitary Orlicz-Minkowski inequality. When $\phi = t$, one recovers the p -capacitary Minkowski inequality (2.13).

Theorem 3.2. *Let $\Omega, \Omega_1 \in \mathcal{C}_0$ and $p \in (1, n)$. Suppose that $\phi : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ is increasing and convex. Then*

$$C_{p,\phi}(\Omega, \Omega_1) \geq C_p(\Omega) \cdot \phi \left(\left(\frac{C_p(\Omega_1)}{C_p(\Omega)} \right)^{\frac{1}{n-p}} \right).$$

If in addition ϕ is strictly convex, equality holds if and only if Ω and Ω_1 are dilates of each other.

Proof. It follows from Jensen's inequality (see [16]), $C_p(\Omega) > 0$ and the convexity of ϕ that

$$\begin{aligned} C_{p,\phi}(\Omega, \Omega_1) &= \frac{p-1}{n-p} \int_{S^{n-1}} \phi \left(\frac{h_{\Omega_1}(u)}{h_{\Omega}(u)} \right) h_{\Omega}(u) d\mu_p(\Omega, u) \\ &\geq C_p(\Omega) \cdot \phi \left(\int_{S^{n-1}} \frac{p-1}{n-p} \cdot \frac{h_{\Omega_1}(u)}{C_p(\Omega)} d\mu_p(\Omega, u) \right) \\ &= C_p(\Omega) \cdot \phi \left(\frac{C_{p,1}(\Omega, \Omega_1)}{C_p(\Omega)} \right) \\ &\geq C_p(\Omega) \cdot \phi \left(\left(\frac{C_p(\Omega_1)}{C_p(\Omega)} \right)^{\frac{1}{n-p}} \right) \end{aligned} \quad (3.21)$$

where the last inequality follows from (2.13) and the fact that ϕ is increasing.

From (2.10) and (3.18), if Ω and Ω_1 are dilates of each other, then clearly

$$C_{p,\phi}(\Omega, \Omega_1) = C_p(\Omega) \cdot \phi \left(\left(\frac{C_p(\Omega_1)}{C_p(\Omega)} \right)^{\frac{1}{n-p}} \right).$$

On the other hand, if ϕ is strictly convex, equality holds in (3.21) only if equalities hold in both the first and the second inequalities of (3.21). For the second one, Ω and Ω_1 are homothetic to each other. That is, there exists $r > 0$ and $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$, such that $\Omega_1 = r\Omega + x$ and hence for all $u \in S^{n-1}$,

$$h_{\Omega_1}(u) = r \cdot h_{\Omega}(u) + \langle x, u \rangle.$$

As ϕ is strictly convex, the characterization of equality in Jensen's inequality implies that

$$\frac{h_{\Omega_1}(v)}{h_{\Omega}(v)} = \int_{S^{n-1}} \frac{p-1}{n-p} \cdot \frac{h_{\Omega_1}(u)}{C_p(\Omega)} d\mu_p(\Omega, u)$$

for $\mu_p(\Omega, \cdot)$ -almost all $v \in S^{n-1}$. This together with the fact that $\mu_p(\Omega, \cdot)$ has its centroid at the origin yield $\langle x, v \rangle = 0$ for $\mu_p(\Omega, \cdot)$ -almost all $v \in S^{n-1}$. As the support of $\mu_p(\Omega, \cdot)$ is not contained in any closed hemisphere, one has $x = 0$. That is, Ω and Ω_1 are dilates of each other. \square

An application of the above p -capacitary Orlicz-Minkowski inequality is stated below.

Theorem 3.3. *Let $\phi \in \Phi_1$ be strictly increasing and strictly convex. Assume that $\Omega, \tilde{\Omega} \in \mathcal{C}_0$ are two convex domains. Then $\Omega = \tilde{\Omega}$ if the following equality holds for all $\Omega_1 \in \mathcal{C}_0$:*

$$\frac{C_{p,\phi}(\Omega, \Omega_1)}{C_p(\Omega)} = \frac{C_{p,\phi}(\tilde{\Omega}, \Omega_1)}{C_p(\tilde{\Omega})}. \quad (3.22)$$

Moreover, $\Omega = \tilde{\Omega}$ also holds if, for any $\Omega_1 \in \mathcal{C}_0$,

$$C_{p,\phi}(\Omega_1, \Omega) = C_{p,\phi}(\Omega_1, \tilde{\Omega}). \quad (3.23)$$

Proof. It follows from equality (3.22) and the p -capacitary Orlicz-Minkowski inequality that

$$1 = \frac{C_{p,\phi}(\Omega, \Omega)}{C_p(\Omega)} = \frac{C_{p,\phi}(\tilde{\Omega}, \Omega)}{C_p(\tilde{\Omega})} \geq \phi\left(\left(\frac{C_p(\Omega)}{C_p(\tilde{\Omega})}\right)^{\frac{1}{n-p}}\right). \quad (3.24)$$

The fact that ϕ is strictly increasing with $\phi(1) = 1$ and $n-p > 0$ yield $C_p(\tilde{\Omega}) \geq C_p(\Omega)$. Similarly, $C_p(\tilde{\Omega}) \leq C_p(\Omega)$ and then $C_p(\tilde{\Omega}) = C_p(\Omega)$. Hence, equality holds in inequality (3.24). This can happen only if Ω and $\tilde{\Omega}$ are dilates of each other, due to Theorem 3.2 and the fact that ϕ is strictly convex. Combining with the above proved fact $C_p(\tilde{\Omega}) = C_p(\Omega)$, one gets $\Omega = \tilde{\Omega}$.

Follows along the same lines, $\Omega = \tilde{\Omega}$ if equality (3.23) holds for any $\Omega_1 \in \mathcal{C}_0$. \square

Note that $\phi = t^q$ for $q > 1$ is a strictly convex and strictly increasing function. Theorem 3.2 yields the p -capacitary L_q Minkowski inequality: for $\Omega, \Omega_1 \in \mathcal{C}_0$, one has

$$C_{p,q}(\Omega, \Omega_1) \geq [C_p(\Omega)]^{\frac{n-p-q}{n-p}} \cdot [C_p(\Omega_1)]^{\frac{q}{n-p}}$$

with equality if and only if Ω and Ω_1 are dilates of each other.

Corollary 3.2. *Let $p \in (0, n)$ and $q > 1$. If $\Omega, \tilde{\Omega} \in \mathcal{C}_0$ such that*

$$\mu_{p,q}(\Omega, \cdot) = \mu_{p,q}(\tilde{\Omega}, \cdot),$$

then $\Omega = \tilde{\Omega}$ if $q \neq n-p$, and Ω is dilate of $\tilde{\Omega}$ if $q = n-p$.

Proof. Firstly let $q > 1$ and $q \neq n-p$. As $\mu_{p,q}(\Omega, \cdot) = \mu_{p,q}(\tilde{\Omega}, \cdot)$, it follows from (3.20) that, for all $\Omega_1 \in \mathcal{C}_0$,

$$C_{p,q}(\Omega, \Omega_1) = C_{p,q}(\tilde{\Omega}, \Omega_1). \quad (3.25)$$

By letting $\Omega_1 = \tilde{\Omega}$, one has,

$$C_{p,q}(\Omega, \tilde{\Omega}) = C_p(\tilde{\Omega}) \geq [C_p(\Omega)]^{\frac{n-p-q}{n-p}} \cdot [C_p(\tilde{\Omega})]^{\frac{q}{n-p}}.$$

This yields $C_p(\Omega) \geq C_p(\tilde{\Omega})$ if $q > n - p$ and $C_p(\Omega) \leq C_p(\tilde{\Omega})$ if $q < n - p$. Similarly, by letting $\Omega_1 = \Omega$, one has $C_p(\Omega) \leq C_p(\tilde{\Omega})$ if $q > n - p$ and $C_p(\Omega) \geq C_p(\tilde{\Omega})$ if $q < n - p$. In any cases, $C_p(\Omega) = C_p(\tilde{\Omega})$. Together with (3.25), Theorem 3.3 yields the desired argument $\Omega = \tilde{\Omega}$.

Now assume that $q = n - p > 1$. Then (3.25) yields

$$C_{p,q}(\Omega, \tilde{\Omega}) = C_p(\tilde{\Omega}) \geq [C_p(\Omega)]^{\frac{n-p-q}{n-p}} \cdot [C_p(\tilde{\Omega})]^{\frac{q}{n-p}} = C_p(\tilde{\Omega}).$$

It follows from Theorem 3.2 that Ω and $\tilde{\Omega}$ are dilates of each other. \square

It is worth to mention that $C_{p,\phi}(\cdot, \cdot)$ is not homogeneous if ϕ is not a homogeneous function; this can be seen from formula (3.18). When $\phi \in \mathcal{J}$, we can define $\hat{C}_{p,\phi}(\Omega, \Omega_1)$, the homogeneous Orlicz L_ϕ mixed p -capacity of $\Omega, \Omega_1 \in \mathcal{C}_0$, by

$$\hat{C}_{p,\phi}(\Omega, \Omega_1) = \inf \left\{ \eta > 0 : \frac{p-1}{n-p} \int_{S^{n-1}} \phi \left(\frac{h_{\Omega_1}(u)}{\eta \cdot h_\Omega(u)} \right) h_\Omega(u) d\mu_p(\Omega, u) \leq C_p(\Omega) \right\},$$

while $\hat{C}_{p,\phi}(\Omega, \Omega_1)$ for $\phi \in \mathcal{D}$ is defined as above with “ \leq ” replaced by “ \geq ”. If $\phi = t^q$ for $q \neq 0$,

$$\hat{C}_{p,\phi}(\Omega, \Omega_1) = \left(\frac{C_{p,q}(\Omega, \Omega_1)}{C_p(\Omega)} \right)^{1/q}.$$

For all $\eta > 0$ and for $\phi \in \mathcal{J}$, let

$$g(\eta) = \frac{p-1}{n-p} \int_{S^{n-1}} \phi \left(\frac{h_{\Omega_1}(u)}{\eta \cdot h_\Omega(u)} \right) h_\Omega(u) d\mu_p(\Omega, u).$$

The fact that ϕ is monotone increasing yields

$$\phi \left(\frac{\min_{u \in S^{n-1}} h_{\Omega_1}(u)}{\eta \cdot \max_{u \in S^{n-1}} h_\Omega(u)} \right) \leq \frac{g(\eta)}{C_p(\Omega)} \leq \phi \left(\frac{\max_{u \in S^{n-1}} h_{\Omega_1}(u)}{\eta \cdot \min_{u \in S^{n-1}} h_\Omega(u)} \right).$$

Hence $\lim_{\eta \rightarrow 0^+} g(\eta) = \infty$ and $\lim_{\eta \rightarrow \infty} g(\eta) = 0$. It is also easily checked that g is strictly decreasing. This concludes that if $\phi \in \mathcal{J}$,

$$\frac{p-1}{n-p} \int_{S^{n-1}} \phi \left(\frac{h_{\Omega_1}(u)}{\hat{C}_{p,\phi}(\Omega, \Omega_1) \cdot h_\Omega(u)} \right) h_\Omega(u) d\mu_p(\Omega, u) = C_p(\Omega). \quad (3.26)$$

Following along the same lines, formula (3.26) also holds for $\phi \in \mathcal{D}$.

The p -capacitary Orlicz-Minkowski inequality for $\hat{C}_{p,\phi}(\cdot, \cdot)$ is stated in the following result.

Corollary 3.3. *Let $\phi \in \mathcal{J}$ be convex. For all $\Omega, \Omega_1 \in \mathcal{C}_0$, one has,*

$$\hat{C}_{p,\phi}(\Omega, \Omega_1) \geq \left(\frac{C_p(\Omega_1)}{C_p(\Omega)} \right)^{\frac{1}{n-p}}. \quad (3.27)$$

If in addition ϕ is strictly convex, equality holds if and only if Ω and Ω_1 are dilates of each other.

Proof. It follows from formula (3.26) and Jensen’s inequality that

$$\begin{aligned} 1 &= \int_{S^{n-1}} \phi \left(\frac{h_{\Omega_1}(u)}{\hat{C}_{p,\phi}(\Omega, \Omega_1) \cdot h_\Omega(u)} \right) \cdot \frac{p-1}{n-p} \cdot \frac{h_\Omega(u)}{C_p(\Omega)} d\mu_p(\Omega, u) \\ &\geq \phi \left(\int_{S^{n-1}} \frac{h_{\Omega_1}(u)}{\hat{C}_{p,\phi}(\Omega, \Omega_1)} \cdot \frac{p-1}{n-p} \cdot \frac{1}{C_p(\Omega)} d\mu_p(\Omega, u) \right) \\ &= \phi \left(\frac{C_p(\Omega, \Omega_1)}{\hat{C}_{p,\phi}(\Omega, \Omega_1) \cdot C_p(\Omega)} \right). \end{aligned}$$

As $\phi(1) = 1$ and ϕ is monotone increasing, one has

$$\widehat{C}_{p,\phi}(\Omega, \Omega_1) \geq \frac{C_p(\Omega, \Omega_1)}{C_p(\Omega)} \geq \left(\frac{C_p(\Omega_1)}{C_p(\Omega)} \right)^{\frac{1}{n-p}},$$

where the second inequality follows from (2.13).

It is easily checked that equality holds in (3.27) if Ω_1 is dilate of Ω . Now assume that in addition ϕ is strictly convex and equality holds in (3.27). Then equality must hold in (2.13) and hence Ω is homothetic to Ω_1 . Following along the same lines in the proof of Theorem 3.2, one obtains that Ω is dilate of Ω_1 . \square

4 The p -capacitary Orlicz-Brunn-Minkowski inequality

This section aims to establish the p -capacitary Orlicz-Brunn-Minkowski inequality (i.e., Theorem 4.1). We also show that the p -capacitary Orlicz-Brunn-Minkowski inequality is equivalent to the p -capacitary Orlicz-Minkowski inequality (i.e., Theorem 3.2) in some sense. Let $m \geq 2$. Recall that the support function of $+\varphi(\Omega_1, \dots, \Omega_m)$ satisfies the following equation: for any $u \in S^{n-1}$,

$$\varphi\left(\frac{h_{\Omega_1}(u)}{h_{+\varphi(\Omega_1, \dots, \Omega_m)}(u)}, \dots, \frac{h_{\Omega_m}(u)}{h_{+\varphi(\Omega_1, \dots, \Omega_m)}(u)}\right) = 1. \quad (4.28)$$

Theorem 4.1. *Suppose that $\Omega_1, \dots, \Omega_m \in \mathcal{C}_0$ are convex domains. For all $\varphi \in \Phi_m$, one has*

$$1 \geq \varphi\left(\left(\frac{C_p(\Omega_1)}{C_p(+\varphi(\Omega_1, \dots, \Omega_m))}\right)^{\frac{1}{n-p}}, \dots, \left(\frac{C_p(\Omega_m)}{C_p(+\varphi(\Omega_1, \dots, \Omega_m))}\right)^{\frac{1}{n-p}}\right). \quad (4.29)$$

If in addition φ is strictly convex, equality holds if and only if Ω_i are dilates of Ω_1 for all $i = 2, 3, \dots, m$.

Proof. Let $\varphi \in \Phi_m$ and $\Omega_1, \dots, \Omega_m \in \mathcal{C}_0$. Recall that $\Omega_1 \subset +\varphi(\Omega_1, \dots, \Omega_m)$ (see (2.4)). The fact that the p -capacity is monotone increasing yields

$$C_p(+\varphi(\Omega_1, \dots, \Omega_m)) \geq C_p(\Omega_1) > 0.$$

Define a probability measure on S^{n-1} by

$$d\omega_{p,\varphi}(u) = \frac{p-1}{n-p} \cdot \frac{1}{C_p(+\varphi(\Omega_1, \dots, \Omega_m))} \cdot h_{+\varphi(\Omega_1, \dots, \Omega_m)}(u) d\mu_p(+\varphi(\Omega_1, \dots, \Omega_m), u).$$

It follows from formulas (3.17) and (4.28), and Jensen's inequality (see [16, Proposition 2.2]) that

$$\begin{aligned} 1 &= \int_{S^{n-1}} \varphi\left(\frac{h_{\Omega_1}(u)}{h_{+\varphi(\Omega_1, \dots, \Omega_m)}(u)}, \dots, \frac{h_{\Omega_m}(u)}{h_{+\varphi(\Omega_1, \dots, \Omega_m)}(u)}\right) d\omega_{p,\varphi}(u) \\ &\geq \varphi\left(\int_{S^{n-1}} \frac{h_{\Omega_1}(u)}{h_{+\varphi(\Omega_1, \dots, \Omega_m)}(u)} d\omega_{p,\varphi}(u), \dots, \int_{S^{n-1}} \frac{h_{\Omega_m}(u)}{h_{+\varphi(\Omega_1, \dots, \Omega_m)}(u)} d\omega_{p,\varphi}(u)\right) \\ &= \varphi\left(\frac{C_{p,1}(+\varphi(\Omega_1, \dots, \Omega_m), \Omega_1)}{C_p(+\varphi(\Omega_1, \dots, \Omega_m))}, \dots, \frac{C_{p,1}(+\varphi(\Omega_1, \dots, \Omega_m), \Omega_m)}{C_p(+\varphi(\Omega_1, \dots, \Omega_m))}\right) \\ &\geq \varphi\left(\left(\frac{C_p(\Omega_1)}{C_p(+\varphi(\Omega_1, \dots, \Omega_m))}\right)^{\frac{1}{n-p}}, \dots, \left(\frac{C_p(\Omega_m)}{C_p(+\varphi(\Omega_1, \dots, \Omega_m))}\right)^{\frac{1}{n-p}}\right), \end{aligned}$$

where the last inequality follows from inequality (2.13).

Let us now characterize the conditions for equality. In fact, if Ω_i are dilates of Ω_1 for all $1 < i \leq m$, then $+\varphi(\Omega_1, \dots, \Omega_m)$ is also dilate of Ω_1 and the equality clearly holds. Now suppose that $\varphi \in \Phi_m$ is strictly convex. Equality must hold for Jensen's inequality and hence there exists a vector $z_0 \in \mathbb{R}^m$ (see [16, Proposition 2.2]) such that

$$\left(\frac{h_{\Omega_1}(u)}{h_{+\varphi(\Omega_1, \dots, \Omega_m)}(u)}, \dots, \frac{h_{\Omega_m}(u)}{h_{+\varphi(\Omega_1, \dots, \Omega_m)}(u)} \right) = z_0$$

for $\omega_{p,\varphi}$ -almost all $u \in S^{n-1}$. Moreover, as $\varphi \in \Phi_m$ is strictly increasing on each component, one must have

$$\frac{C_{p,1}(+\varphi(\Omega_1, \dots, \Omega_m), \Omega_j)}{C_p(+\varphi(\Omega_1, \dots, \Omega_m))} = \left(\frac{C_p(\Omega_j)}{C_p(+\varphi(\Omega_1, \dots, \Omega_m))} \right)^{\frac{1}{n-p}}$$

for all $j = 1, 2, \dots, m$. The characterization of equality for (2.13) yields that Ω_j for $j = 1, \dots, m$ are all homothetic to $+\varphi(\Omega_1, \dots, \Omega_m)$. Following the argument similar to that of Theorem 3.2, one can conclude that Ω_i for all $j = 1, \dots, m$ are dilates of $+\varphi(\Omega_1, \dots, \Omega_m)$, as desired. \square

If $\varphi(x) = \sum_{i=1}^m x_i$ for $x \in [0, \infty)^m$, then $\varphi \in \Phi_m$ and inequality (4.29) becomes the classical p -capacitary Brunn-Minkowski inequality (see inequality (1.2)): for $\Omega_1, \dots, \Omega_m \in \mathcal{C}_0$, one has

$$C_p(\Omega_1 + \dots + \Omega_m)^{\frac{1}{n-p}} \geq C_p(\Omega_1)^{\frac{1}{n-p}} + \dots + C_p(\Omega_m)^{\frac{1}{n-p}}. \quad (4.30)$$

From the proof of Theorem 4.1, one sees that equality holds if and only if Ω_i is homothetic to Ω_j for all $1 \leq i < j \leq m$. When $\varphi(x) = \sum_{i=1}^m x_i^q \in \Phi_m$ for $q > 1$, one gets the p -capacitary L_q -Brunn-Minkowski inequality: for $\Omega_1, \dots, \Omega_m \in \mathcal{C}_0$, one has

$$C_p(\Omega_1 +_q \dots +_q \Omega_m)^{\frac{q}{n-p}} \geq C_p(\Omega_1)^{\frac{q}{n-p}} + \dots + C_p(\Omega_m)^{\frac{q}{n-p}}.$$

As $\varphi(x) = \sum_{i=1}^m x_i^q$ for $q > 1$ is strictly convex, equality holds if and only if Ω_i is dilate of Ω_j for all $1 \leq i < j \leq m$. This has been proved by Zou and Xiong in [55] with a different approach.

Now let us consider the linear Orlicz addition of $\Omega_1, \dots, \Omega_m \in \mathcal{C}_0$. This is related to

$$\varphi(x) = \alpha_1 \varphi_1(x_1) + \dots + \alpha_m \varphi_m(x_m), \quad x = (x_1, \dots, x_m) \in (0, \infty)^m, \quad (4.31)$$

where $\alpha_j > 0$ are constants and $\varphi_j \in \Phi_1$ for all $j = 1, \dots, m$. Clearly $\varphi \in \Phi_m$ and the p -capacitary Orlicz-Brunn-Minkowski inequality in Theorem 4.1 can be rewritten as the following form.

Theorem 4.2. *Let φ be given in (4.31) with $\alpha_j > 0$ constants and $\varphi_j \in \Phi_1$ for $j = 1, \dots, m$. For $\Omega_1, \dots, \Omega_m \in \mathcal{C}_0$, one has*

$$1 \geq \sum_{j=1}^m \alpha_j \varphi_j \left(\left(\frac{C_p(\Omega_j)}{C_p(+\varphi(\Omega_1, \dots, \Omega_m))} \right)^{\frac{1}{n-p}} \right). \quad (4.32)$$

In fact, inequality (4.32) is equivalent to, in some sense, the p -capacitary Orlicz-Minkowski inequality in Theorem 3.2. Let $m = 2$, $\varphi_1, \varphi_2 \in \Phi_1$, $\Omega, \tilde{\Omega} \in \mathcal{C}_0$, $\alpha_1 = 1$ and $\alpha_2 = \varepsilon > 0$. In this case, the linear Orlicz addition of Ω and $\tilde{\Omega}$ is denoted by $\Omega +_{\varphi, \varepsilon} \tilde{\Omega}$, whose support function is given by, for $u \in S^{n-1}$,

$$\varphi_1 \left(\frac{h_{\Omega}(u)}{h_{\Omega +_{\varphi, \varepsilon} \tilde{\Omega}}(u)} \right) + \varepsilon \varphi_2 \left(\frac{h_{\tilde{\Omega}}(u)}{h_{\Omega +_{\varphi, \varepsilon} \tilde{\Omega}}(u)} \right) = 1.$$

The p -capacitary Orlicz-Brunn-Minkowski inequality in Theorem 4.2 becomes

$$1 \geq \varphi_1 \left(\left(\frac{C_p(\Omega)}{C_p(\Omega +_{\varphi, \varepsilon} \tilde{\Omega})} \right)^{\frac{1}{n-p}} \right) + \varepsilon \varphi_2 \left(\left(\frac{C_p(\tilde{\Omega})}{C_p(\Omega +_{\varphi, \varepsilon} \tilde{\Omega})} \right)^{\frac{1}{n-p}} \right),$$

for all $\varepsilon > 0$. It is equivalent to

$$1 - \varphi_1^{-1} \left(1 - \varepsilon \varphi_2 \left(\left(\frac{C_p(\tilde{\Omega})}{C_p(\Omega +_{\varphi, \varepsilon} \tilde{\Omega})} \right)^{\frac{1}{n-p}} \right) \right) \leq 1 - \left(\frac{C_p(\Omega)}{C_p(\Omega +_{\varphi, \varepsilon} \tilde{\Omega})} \right)^{\frac{1}{n-p}}. \quad (4.33)$$

For convenience, let $z(\varepsilon)$ be

$$z(\varepsilon) = \varphi_1^{-1} \left(1 - \varepsilon \varphi_2 \left(\left(\frac{C_p(\tilde{\Omega})}{C_p(\Omega +_{\varphi, \varepsilon} \tilde{\Omega})} \right)^{\frac{1}{n-p}} \right) \right).$$

Then $z(\varepsilon) \rightarrow 1^-$ as $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0^+$ and

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{1 - z(\varepsilon)}{\varepsilon} &= \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{1 - z(\varepsilon)}{1 - \varphi_1(z(\varepsilon))} \cdot \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0^+} \varphi_2 \left(\left(\frac{C_p(\tilde{\Omega})}{C_p(\Omega +_{\varphi, \varepsilon} \tilde{\Omega})} \right)^{\frac{1}{n-p}} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{(\varphi_1)'_l(1)} \cdot \varphi_2 \left(\left(\frac{C_p(\tilde{\Omega})}{C_p(\Omega)} \right)^{\frac{1}{n-p}} \right), \end{aligned}$$

where $(\varphi_1)'_l(1)$ is assumed to exist and to be nonzero. Together with inequality (4.33), one gets

$$(\varphi_1)'_l(1) \cdot \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{1 - \left(\frac{C_p(\Omega)}{C_p(\Omega +_{\varphi, \varepsilon} \tilde{\Omega})} \right)^{\frac{1}{n-p}}}{\varepsilon} \geq \varphi_2 \left(\left(\frac{C_p(\tilde{\Omega})}{C_p(\Omega)} \right)^{\frac{1}{n-p}} \right).$$

This together with Theorem 3.1 further imply the p -capacitary Orlicz-Minkowski inequality:

$$\begin{aligned} (n-p) \cdot C_{p, \varphi_2}(\Omega, \tilde{\Omega}) &= (\varphi_1)'_l(1) \cdot \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0^+} C_p(\Omega +_{\varphi, \varepsilon} \tilde{\Omega}) \cdot \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{1 - \frac{C_p(\Omega)}{C_p(\Omega +_{\varphi, \varepsilon} \tilde{\Omega})}}{\varepsilon} \\ &= (\varphi_1)'_l(1) \cdot (n-p) \cdot C_p(\Omega) \cdot \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{1 - \left(\frac{C_p(\Omega)}{C_p(\Omega +_{\varphi, \varepsilon} \tilde{\Omega})} \right)^{\frac{1}{n-p}}}{\varepsilon} \\ &\geq (n-p) \cdot C_p(\Omega) \cdot \varphi_2 \left(\left(\frac{C_p(\tilde{\Omega})}{C_p(\Omega)} \right)^{\frac{1}{n-p}} \right). \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, assume that the p -capacitary Orlicz-Minkowski inequality in Theorem 3.2 holds. In particular, for $\varphi_1, \varphi_2 \in \Phi_1$ and for $\Omega, \tilde{\Omega} \in \mathcal{C}_0$,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{C_{p, \varphi_1}(+_{\varphi}(\Omega, \tilde{\Omega}), \Omega)}{C_p(+_{\varphi}(\Omega, \tilde{\Omega}))} &\geq \varphi_1 \left(\left(\frac{C_p(\Omega)}{C_p(+_{\varphi}(\Omega, \tilde{\Omega}))} \right)^{\frac{1}{n-p}} \right), \\ \frac{C_{p, \varphi_2}(+_{\varphi}(\Omega, \tilde{\Omega}), \tilde{\Omega})}{C_p(+_{\varphi}(\Omega, \tilde{\Omega}))} &\geq \varphi_2 \left(\left(\frac{C_p(\tilde{\Omega})}{C_p(+_{\varphi}(\Omega, \tilde{\Omega}))} \right)^{\frac{1}{n-p}} \right), \end{aligned}$$

where $\varphi = \alpha_1 \varphi_1 + \alpha_2 \varphi_2$ with $\alpha_1, \alpha_2 > 0$ and $\varphi_1, \varphi_2 \in \Phi_1$, and $+_{\varphi}(\Omega, \tilde{\Omega})$ is the convex domain whose support function $h_{+_{\varphi}(\Omega, \tilde{\Omega})}$ is given by

$$1 = \alpha_1 \varphi_1 \left(\frac{h_{\Omega}(u)}{h_{+_{\varphi}(\Omega, \tilde{\Omega})}(u)} \right) + \alpha_2 \varphi_2 \left(\frac{h_{\tilde{\Omega}}(u)}{h_{+_{\varphi}(\Omega, \tilde{\Omega})}(u)} \right), \quad \text{for } u \in S^{n-1}.$$

This together with (3.17) lead to inequality (4.32) with $m = 2$:

$$\begin{aligned}
1 &= \frac{p-1}{n-p} \cdot \int_{S^{n-1}} \left[\alpha_1 \varphi_1 \left(\frac{h_\Omega(u)}{h_{+\varphi(\Omega, \tilde{\Omega})}(u)} \right) + \alpha_2 \varphi_2 \left(\frac{h_{\tilde{\Omega}}(u)}{h_{+\varphi(\Omega, \tilde{\Omega})}(u)} \right) \right] \cdot \frac{h_{+\varphi(\Omega, \tilde{\Omega})}(u)}{C_p(+\varphi(\Omega, \tilde{\Omega}))} \cdot d\mu_p(+\varphi(\Omega, \tilde{\Omega}), u) \\
&= \alpha_1 \cdot \frac{C_{p, \varphi_1}(+\varphi(\Omega, \tilde{\Omega}), \Omega)}{C_p(+\varphi(\Omega, \tilde{\Omega}))} + \alpha_2 \cdot \frac{C_{p, \varphi_2}(+\varphi(\Omega, \tilde{\Omega}), \tilde{\Omega})}{C_p(+\varphi(\Omega, \tilde{\Omega}))} \\
&\geq \alpha_1 \cdot \varphi_1 \left(\left(\frac{C_p(\Omega)}{C_p(+\varphi(\Omega, \tilde{\Omega}))} \right)^{\frac{1}{n-p}} \right) + \alpha_2 \cdot \varphi_2 \left(\left(\frac{C_p(\tilde{\Omega})}{C_p(+\varphi(\Omega, \tilde{\Omega}))} \right)^{\frac{1}{n-p}} \right).
\end{aligned}$$

The M -addition of convex domains are closely related to the Orlicz addition. For an arbitrary subset $M \subset \mathbb{R}^m$, the M -addition of $\Omega_1, \dots, \Omega_m \in \mathcal{C}_0$, denoted by $\oplus_M(\Omega_1, \dots, \Omega_m)$, is defined by (see e.g. [14, 15, 35, 36])

$$\oplus_M(\Omega_1, \dots, \Omega_m) = \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^m a_j x^j : x^j \in \Omega_j \text{ and } (a_1, \dots, a_m) \in M \right\}.$$

It is equivalent to the following more convenient formula:

$$\oplus_M(\Omega_1, \dots, \Omega_m) = \cup \{ a_1 \Omega_1 + \dots + a_m \Omega_m : (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_m) \in M \}, \quad (4.34)$$

where $a_1 \Omega_1 + \dots + a_m \Omega_m$ is the Minkowski addition of $a_j \Omega_j = \{ a_j x^j : x^j \in \Omega_j \}$ for $j = 1, 2, \dots, m$. Note that if M is compact, then $\oplus_M(\Omega_1, \dots, \Omega_m)$ is again a convex domain. In general, the M -addition is different from the Orlicz addition. However, when M is a 1-unconditional convex body in \mathbb{R}^m that contains $\{e_1, \dots, e_m\}$ in its boundary, then the M -addition coincides with the Orlicz L_φ addition for some $\varphi \in \Phi_m$. More properties and historical remarks for the M -addition, such as convexity, $GL(n)$ covariant, homogeneity and monotonicity, can be founded in [14, 15, 35, 36].

Lemma 4.1. *If $M \subset \mathbb{R}^m$ is compact and $\Omega_1, \dots, \Omega_m \in \mathcal{C}_0$, then for any $a = (a_1, \dots, a_m) \in M$,*

$$C_p(\oplus_M(\Omega_1, \dots, \Omega_m))^{\frac{1}{n-p}} \geq \sum_{i=1}^m \left[|a_i| \cdot C_p(\Omega_i)^{\frac{1}{n-p}} \right]. \quad (4.35)$$

If equality holds in (4.35) for some $a \in M$ with $a_j \neq 0$ for all $j = 1, 2, \dots, m$, then Ω_i is homothetic to Ω_j for all $1 \leq i < j \leq m$.

Proof. Recall that the p -capacity is invariant under the affine isometry and has homogeneous degree $n-p$ (see [12]). Then for all $a \in \mathbb{R}$ and for all $\Omega \in \mathcal{C}_0$, one has

$$C_p(a\Omega) = |a|^{n-p} C_p(\Omega).$$

Note that $n-p > 0$. It follows from (4.30), (4.34) and the monotonicity of the p -capacity that, for all $a = (a_1, \dots, a_m) \in M$,

$$C_p(\oplus_M(\Omega_1, \dots, \Omega_m))^{\frac{1}{n-p}} \geq C_p(a_1 \Omega_1 + \dots + a_m \Omega_m)^{\frac{1}{n-p}} \geq \sum_{i=1}^m \left[|a_i| \cdot C_p(\Omega_i)^{\frac{1}{n-p}} \right].$$

Assume that equality holds in (4.35) for some $a \in M$ with $a_j \neq 0$ for all $j = 1, 2, \dots, m$. Then equality in (4.30) must hold and hence Ω_i is homothetic to Ω_j for all $1 \leq i < j \leq m$. \square

Let $e_j^\perp = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^m : \langle x, e_j \rangle = 0\}$ for all $j = 1, 2, \dots, m$. For a nonzero vector $x \in \mathbb{R}^m$ and a convex set $E \subset \mathbb{R}^m$, define the support set of E with outer normal vector x to be the set

$$F(E, x) = \left\{ y \in \mathbb{R}^m : \langle x, y \rangle = \sup_{z \in E} \langle x, z \rangle \right\} \cap E.$$

Theorem 4.3. *Let $M \subset \mathbb{R}^m$ be a compact subset and $\Omega_1, \dots, \Omega_m \in \mathcal{C}_0$. Then*

$$C_p(\oplus_M (\Omega_1, \dots, \Omega_m))^{\frac{1}{n-p}} \geq h_{\text{conv}(M)}(C_p(\Omega_1)^{\frac{1}{n-p}}, \dots, C_p(\Omega_m)^{\frac{1}{n-p}}). \quad (4.36)$$

If $M \cap F(\text{conv}(M), x) \not\subset \cup_{j=1}^m e_j^\perp$ for all $x = (x_1, \dots, x_m)$ with all $x_i > 0$ and equality holds in (4.36), then Ω_i is homothetic to Ω_j for all $1 \leq i < j \leq m$.

Proof. It is easily checked that $h_{\text{conv}(M)}(x) = \max_{y \in M} \langle x, y \rangle$ for all $x \in \mathbb{R}^m$. Following (4.35), one has, as all $C_p(\Omega_i) > 0$,

$$\begin{aligned} C_p(\oplus_M (\Omega_1, \dots, \Omega_m))^{\frac{1}{n-p}} &\geq \max_{(a_1, \dots, a_m) \in M} \langle (|a_1|, \dots, |a_m|), (C_p(\Omega_1)^{\frac{1}{n-p}}, \dots, C_p(\Omega_m)^{\frac{1}{n-p}}) \rangle \\ &\geq \max_{(a_1, \dots, a_m) \in M} \langle (a_1, \dots, a_m), (C_p(\Omega_1)^{\frac{1}{n-p}}, \dots, C_p(\Omega_m)^{\frac{1}{n-p}}) \rangle \\ &= h_{\text{conv}(M)}(C_p(\Omega_1)^{\frac{1}{n-p}}, \dots, C_p(\Omega_m)^{\frac{1}{n-p}}). \end{aligned}$$

Now let us characterize the conditions for equality. Let

$$x_0 = (C_p(\Omega_1)^{\frac{1}{n-p}}, \dots, C_p(\Omega_m)^{\frac{1}{n-p}}).$$

Assume that equality holds in (4.36). There exists a vector $a_0 \in M \cap F(\text{conv}(M), x_0)$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} C_p(\oplus_M (\Omega_1, \dots, \Omega_m))^{\frac{1}{n-p}} &= \max_{(a_1, \dots, a_m) \in M} \langle (|a_1|, \dots, |a_m|), (C_p(\Omega_1)^{\frac{1}{n-p}}, \dots, C_p(\Omega_m)^{\frac{1}{n-p}}) \rangle \\ &= \max_{(a_1, \dots, a_m) \in M} \langle (a_1, \dots, a_m), (C_p(\Omega_1)^{\frac{1}{n-p}}, \dots, C_p(\Omega_m)^{\frac{1}{n-p}}) \rangle \\ &= h_{\text{conv}(M)}(x_0) = \langle a_0, x_0 \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

Note that $M \cap F(\text{conv}(M), x_0) \not\subset \cup_{j=1}^m e_j^\perp$ and then all coordinates of a_0 must be strictly positive. As all coordinates of x_0 are strictly positive, it follows from the conditions of equality for (4.35) that Ω_i is homothetic to Ω_j for all $1 \leq i < j \leq m$. \square

5 The p -capacitary Orlicz-Minkowski problems

For $\varepsilon \in \mathbb{R}$ close to 0, $\varphi \in \mathcal{D} \cup \mathcal{J}$, and a continuous function $\psi : (0, \infty) \rightarrow (0, \infty)$, consider the function $\widehat{f}_\varepsilon : S^{n-1} \rightarrow (0, \infty)$ defined by

$$\widehat{f}_\varepsilon(u) = \varphi^{-1}(\varphi(h_\Omega(u)) + \varepsilon\psi(h_{\Omega_1}(u))) \quad (5.37)$$

for $\Omega, \Omega_1 \in \mathcal{C}_0$. Clearly, there exists $\varepsilon_0 > 0$ such that $\widehat{f}_\varepsilon \in C^+(S^{n-1})$ for all $\varepsilon \in (-\varepsilon_0, \varepsilon_0)$. Similar to Lemmas 6 and 7 in [17], if the derivative of φ (denoted by φ') exists, and is strictly positive and continuous on $(0, \infty)$, then the following limit is uniform on S^{n-1} :

$$\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{\widehat{f}_\varepsilon(u) - h_\Omega(u)}{\varepsilon} = \frac{\psi(h_{\Omega_1}(u))}{\varphi'(h_\Omega(u))} \quad (5.38)$$

and hence \widehat{f}_ε converges uniformly to h_Ω on S^{n-1} . For completeness, a brief proof of (5.38) is presented here. By the chain rule and $(\varphi^{-1})'(a) = 1/\varphi'(\varphi^{-1}(a))$, one has, on $S^{n-1} \times (-\varepsilon_0, \varepsilon_0)$,

$$\left. \frac{\partial \widehat{f}_\varepsilon}{\partial \varepsilon} \right|_{(u, \varepsilon)} = \frac{\psi(h_{\Omega_1}(u))}{\varphi'(\widehat{f}_\varepsilon)} \quad \text{and} \quad \left. \frac{\partial \widehat{f}_\varepsilon}{\partial \varepsilon} \right|_{(u, 0)} = \frac{\psi(h_{\Omega_1}(u))}{\varphi'(h_\Omega(u))}.$$

It can be checked that $\partial \widehat{f}_\varepsilon / \partial \varepsilon$ is continuous on $S^{n-1} \times (-\varepsilon_0, \varepsilon_0)$. Hence, $\partial \widehat{f}_\varepsilon / \partial \varepsilon$ is uniformly continuous, has strictly positive lower bounds, and has finite upper bounds on the compact set $S^{n-1} \times [-\varepsilon_0/2, \varepsilon_0/2]$. For every $\varepsilon \in [-\varepsilon_0/2, \varepsilon_0/2]$, it follows from the mean value theorem that

$$\left| \frac{\widehat{f}_\varepsilon(u) - h_\Omega(u)}{\varepsilon} - \left. \frac{\partial \widehat{f}_\varepsilon}{\partial \varepsilon} \right|_{(u, 0)} \right| = \left| \left. \frac{\partial \widehat{f}_\varepsilon}{\partial \varepsilon} \right|_{(u, \varepsilon')} - \left. \frac{\partial \widehat{f}_\varepsilon}{\partial \varepsilon} \right|_{(u, 0)} \right|$$

for some $\varepsilon' \in [-\varepsilon, \varepsilon] \subset [-\varepsilon_0/2, \varepsilon_0/2]$. The uniform convergence of (5.38) then follows from the uniform continuous of $\partial \widehat{f}_\varepsilon / \partial \varepsilon$ on $S^{n-1} \times [-\varepsilon_0/2, \varepsilon_0/2]$.

An argument similar to the proof of Theorem 3.1 yields the following result regarding the asymptotic behavior of $C_p(\Omega_{\widehat{f}_\varepsilon})$, the p -capacity of the Aleksandrov domain associated to \widehat{f}_ε . Similar arguments for the volume can be found in [15, 17].

Proposition 5.1. *Let $\varphi \in \mathcal{J} \cup \mathcal{D}$ be such that φ' exists, and is nowhere zero and continuous on $(0, \infty)$. For $\Omega, \Omega_1 \in \mathcal{C}_0$, one has*

$$\frac{1}{n-p} \cdot \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{C_p(\Omega_{\widehat{f}_\varepsilon}) - C_p(\Omega)}{\varepsilon} = \frac{p-1}{n-p} \cdot \int_{S^{n-1}} \frac{\psi(h_{\Omega_1}(u))}{\varphi'(h_\Omega(u))} d\mu_p(\Omega, u).$$

Remark. Assume that $\phi = 1/\varphi'$ and then

$$\varphi(t) = \int_0^t \frac{1}{\phi(s)} ds. \tag{5.39}$$

Proposition 5.1 can be rewritten as

$$\frac{1}{n-p} \cdot \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{C_p(\Omega_{\widehat{f}_\varepsilon}) - C_p(\Omega)}{\varepsilon} = \frac{p-1}{n-p} \cdot \int_{S^{n-1}} \psi(h_{\Omega_1}(u)) \cdot \phi(h_\Omega(u)) d\mu_p(\Omega, u).$$

While if $\varphi \in \mathcal{D}$ and $\phi = -1/\varphi'$, then

$$\varphi(t) = \int_t^\infty \frac{1}{\phi(s)} ds.$$

Proposition 5.1 can be rewritten as

$$\frac{1}{n-p} \cdot \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{C_p(\Omega) - C_p(\Omega_{\widehat{f}_\varepsilon})}{\varepsilon} = \frac{p-1}{n-p} \cdot \int_{S^{n-1}} \psi(h_{\Omega_1}(u)) \cdot \phi(h_\Omega(u)) d\mu_p(\Omega, u).$$

It is not clear whether there are p -capacitary Orlicz-Brunn-Minkowski and Orlicz-Minkowski inequalities involving the addition defined by (5.37). It is worth to mention that Proposition 5.1 provides a geometric meaning of the measure

$$\mu_{p, \phi}(\Omega, \cdot) = \phi(h_\Omega) d\mu_p(\Omega, \cdot).$$

The measure $\mu_{p, \phi}(\Omega, \cdot)$ will be called the Orlicz L_ϕ p -capacitary measure of Ω . When $\Omega \in \mathcal{C}_0$ and $\phi : (0, \infty) \rightarrow (0, \infty)$ is a continuous function, $\phi(h_\Omega)$ has strictly positive lower bounds and

finite upper bounds on S^{n-1} . This further implies that the support of the measure $\mu_{p,\phi}(\Omega, \cdot)$ is not contained in any closed hemisphere and by (2.14)

$$\int_{S^{n-1}} \langle \theta, u \rangle_+ d\mu_{p,\phi}(\Omega, u) > 0 \quad \text{for each } \theta \in S^{n-1}.$$

Although the p -capacity is translation invariant, one *cannot* expect to have the centroid of $\mu_{p,\phi}(\Omega, \cdot)$ at the origin even if $\phi = t^{1-q}$ for all $q \neq 1$ (as the L_q sum is not linear). When $\phi = t^{1-q}$ (and hence $\varphi = t^q/q$) for $q \neq 0$, one gets the L_q p -capacitary measure of Ω which will be denoted by $\mu_{p,q}(\Omega, \cdot)$.

It is interesting and important to study the following p -capacitary Orlicz-Minkowski problem: *given a fixed continuous function $\phi : (0, \infty) \rightarrow (0, \infty)$ and a finite Borel measure μ on S^{n-1} , does there exist a convex domain Ω whose closure $\bar{\Omega}$ contains the origin such that*

$$\frac{\mu}{\phi(h_\Omega)} = \tau \cdot \mu_p(\Omega, \cdot) \quad (\text{or } \mu = \tau \cdot \mu_{p,\phi}(\Omega, \cdot) \text{ if } \Omega \in \mathcal{C}_0)$$

for some positive number τ ? When $\phi = t^{q-1}$ for $q \neq 0$, we are interested in the following normalized p -capacitary L_q Minkowski problem: *given a finite Borel measure μ on S^{n-1} , does there exist a convex domain Ω whose closure $\bar{\Omega}$ contains the origin such that*

$$\mu \cdot h_\Omega^{q-1} = c_q \cdot \frac{\mu_p(\Omega, \cdot)}{C_p(\Omega)} \quad (\text{or } C_p(\Omega) \cdot \mu = c_q \cdot \mu_{p,q}(\Omega, \cdot) \text{ if } \Omega \in \mathcal{C}_0).$$

for some positive number c_q ? The p -capacitary L_1 Minkowski problem (i.e., $q = 1$) has been studied in [11, 19, 24, 25].

In this section, we will provide a solution for the p -capacitary Orlicz-Minkowski problem as well as the normalized p -capacitary L_q Minkowski problem for $q > 1$. Throughout the rest of this section, unless otherwise stated, let (ϕ, φ) be the pair of functions such that

(A1): the function $\phi : (0, \infty) \rightarrow (0, \infty)$ is continuous with $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \phi(t) = \infty$,

(A2): the function φ given by (5.39) satisfies $\varphi(t) < \infty$ for all $t > 0$ and $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \varphi(t) = \infty$.

Obviously φ is strictly increasing such that $\varphi(0) = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \varphi(t) = 0$ and $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \varphi'(t) = 0$. The inverse of φ , denoted by φ^{-1} , exists and is also continuously differentiable on $(0, \infty)$. Moreover $(\varphi^{-1})'(t) = \phi(\varphi^{-1}(t))$ for all $t \in (0, \infty)$, $\varphi^{-1}(0) = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \varphi^{-1}(t) = 0$ and $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \varphi^{-1}(t) = \infty$. It is easily checked that for all $a, b > 0$, there are constants $t_0, M_1, M_2 > 0$, such that, for all $t \in (0, t_0)$ (see e.g., [22, Lemma 4.1(iii)]),

$$M_1 \leq (\varphi^{-1})'(\varphi(a) - b\varphi(t)) \leq M_2.$$

For convenience, we use $\|f\|_{\varphi,\mu}$ to denote the “Orlicz norm” of $f \in C(S^{n-1})$, where $C(S^{n-1})$ denotes the set of all continuous functions on S^{n-1} :

$$\|f\|_{\varphi,\mu} = \inf \left\{ \lambda > 0 : \int_{S^{n-1}} \varphi\left(\frac{f}{\lambda}\right) d\mu \leq \varphi(1) \cdot \int_{S^{n-1}} d\mu \right\},$$

where (ϕ, φ) satisfies conditions (A1) and (A2). Clearly, $\|f\|_{\varphi,\mu} \leq \|g\|_{\varphi,\mu}$ if $f \leq g$ and $\|af\|_{\varphi,\mu} = a\|f\|_{\varphi,\mu}$ for all $a \geq 0$.

5.1 The p -capacitary Orlicz-Minkowski problem of discrete measures

In this subsection, we provide a solution for the p -capacitary Orlicz-Minkowski problem for discrete measure μ under the very limit condition: *the support of μ is not contained in any closed hemisphere*. For simplicity, we always use P' to denote the interior of a polytope P .

Theorem 5.1. Suppose that (ϕ, φ) satisfies conditions (A1) and (A2). Let $\mu = \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i \delta_{u_i}$ where $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_m > 0$ are given constants and $\{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_m\} \subset S^{n-1}$ are not contained in any closed hemisphere. There exists a polytope P with the origin in its interior and a constant $\tau > 0$ such that for $1 < p < n$,

$$\mu = \tau \cdot \phi(h_P) \cdot \mu_p(P', \cdot) = \tau \cdot \mu_{p,\phi}(P', \cdot) \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{\mu}{\phi(h_P)} = \tau \cdot \mu_p(P', \cdot).$$

Moreover, $\|h_P\|_{\varphi,\mu} = 1$ and the constant τ can be calculated by

$$\tau = \frac{\varphi(1) \cdot \int_{S^{n-1}} d\mu(u)}{\int_{S^{n-1}} \varphi(h_P(u)) d\mu_{p,\phi}(P', u)} = \left(\frac{p-1}{n-p} \right) \cdot \frac{1}{C_p(P')} \cdot \int_{S^{n-1}} \frac{h_P(u)}{\phi(h_P(u))} d\mu(u).$$

In order to prove Theorem 5.1, we need the following lemma. For $u \in S^{n-1}$ and $t \geq 0$, let $H_{u,t}^- = \{y \in \mathbb{R}^n : \langle u, y \rangle \leq t\}$. Let $m > n$ be an integer and

$$\mathbb{R}_*^m = \{(x_1, \dots, x_m) : x_i \geq 0\} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbb{R}_+^m = \{(x_1, \dots, x_m) : x_i > 0\}.$$

Define the polytope $P(x)$ for $x \in \mathbb{R}_+^m$ by $P(x) = \cap_{i=1}^m H_{u_i, x_i}^-$ with $\{u_1, \dots, u_m\} \subset S^{n-1}$. The following lemma states the differentiability of $C_p(P(x))$ (see [23, Lemma 3.2] for the volumetric analogue).

Lemma 5.1. Let $p \in (1, n)$. Suppose that the vectors $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_m \in S^{n-1}$ are not contained in any closed hemisphere. Then $C_p(P(x))$ is differentiable and for $1 \leq i \leq m$,

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} C_p(P'(x)) = (p-1) \cdot \mu_p(P'(x), \{u_i\}).$$

Proof. It follows from [11, Theorem 5.2] that for $f \in C^+(S^{n-1})$ and $g \in C(S^{n-1})$,

$$\left. \frac{dC_p(\Omega_{f+\varepsilon g})}{d\varepsilon} \right|_{\varepsilon=0} = (p-1) \int_{S^{n-1}} g(u) d\mu_p(\Omega_f, u),$$

where $\Omega_{f+\varepsilon g}$ and Ω_f are the Aleksandrov domains associated to $f + \varepsilon g$ and f , respectively. Let $g_i \in C(S^{n-1})$ for all $i = 1, 2, \dots, m$ be such that $g_i(u_i) = 1$ and $g_i(u_j) = 0$ if $i \neq j$. Let $f = h_{P(x)}$ and then $h_{P(x)}(u_j) = x_j$ for $j = 1, 2, \dots, m$. Thus

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} C_p(P'(x)) &= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{C_p(P'(x_1, \dots, x_{i-1}, x_i + t, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_m)) - C_p(P'(x))}{t} \\ &= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{C_p(\Omega_{f+tg_i}) - C_p(\Omega_f)}{t} \\ &= (p-1) \int_{S^{n-1}} g_i(u) d\mu_p(P'(x), u) \\ &= (p-1) \int_{\{u_1, \dots, u_m\}} g_i(u) d\mu_p(P'(x), u) \\ &= (p-1) \cdot \mu_p(P'(x), \{u_i\}) \end{aligned}$$

and the desired result is obtained. \square

Proof of Theorem 5.1. Our proof is based on the techniques in [22, 23]. Let $\mu = \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i \delta_{u_i}$ be the given finite discrete Borel measure on S^{n-1} where $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_m > 0$ are given constants and

$\{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_m\} \subset S^{n-1}$ are not contained in any closed hemisphere. Let $P(x) = \cap_{i=1}^m H_{u_i, x_i}^-$ for $x = (x_1, \dots, x_m) \in \mathbb{R}_*^m$. Consider the optimization problem: $\sup_{x \in M^*} C_p(P(x))$ where M^* is the compact surface in \mathbb{R}^m :

$$M^* = \left\{ x \in \mathbb{R}_*^m : \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i \varphi(x_i) = \varphi(1) \cdot \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i \right\}.$$

Note that $P(x)$ for $x \in M^*$ defines a polytope because $\{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_m\} \subset S^{n-1}$ are not contained in any closed hemisphere. Of course, $o \in P(x)$ and $x_i \geq h_{P(x)}(u_i)$ for all $1 \leq i \leq m$ and all $x \in M^*$, with $x_i = h_{P(x)}(u_i)$ if $S(P(x), \{u_i\}) > 0$ (and hence $\mu_p(P'(x), \{u_i\}) > 0$, due to Lemma 2.1). Moreover, $C_p(P'(x))$ is continuous about $x \in \mathbb{R}_*^m$ due to the continuity of the p -capacity and the continuity of $P(x)$ about $x \in \mathbb{R}_*^m$ with respect to the Hausdorff metric (see [37, page 57]). As M^* is compact, there exists $z \in M^*$ such that

$$C_p(P'(z)) = \sup_{x \in M^*} C_p(P'(x)).$$

It remains to show that $o \in P'(z)$. To this end, assume that $o \in \partial P(z)$. For simplicity, let $h_i = h_{P(z)}(u_i)$ for $1 \leq i \leq m$. Without loss of generality, let $h_1 = \dots = h_k = 0$ and $h_{k+1}, \dots, h_m > 0$ for some $1 \leq k < m$. The fact that $k < m$ follows from $B_2^n \subset P(x_0)$ and

$$C_p(P'(z)) \geq C_p(P'(x_0)) \geq C_p(B_2^n) > 0, \quad (5.40)$$

where B_2^n is the unit open ball in \mathbb{R}^n and $x_0 = (1, 1, \dots, 1) \in M^*$.

In order to get a contradiction with the maximality of $C_p(P'(z))$, we need to construct $z^t \in M^*$ such that $C_p(P'(z^t)) > C_p(P'(z))$. For $t > 0$ small enough, let $z^t = (z_1^t, \dots, z_m^t) \in M^*$ be given by

$$z_i^t = \begin{cases} \varphi^{-1}(\varphi(z_i) + \varphi(t)), & 1 \leq i \leq k \\ \varphi^{-1}(\varphi(z_i) - \lambda\varphi(t)), & k+1 \leq i \leq m, \end{cases}$$

where $\lambda = \frac{\lambda_1 + \dots + \lambda_k}{\lambda_{k+1} + \dots + \lambda_m}$. For $k+1 \leq i \leq m$, let $h_i^t = \varphi^{-1}(\varphi(h_i) - \lambda\varphi(t))$ and then

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{h_i^t - h_i}{t} &= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} (\varphi^{-1})'(\varphi(h_i) - \lambda\varphi(t))(-\lambda\varphi'(t)) = 0, \\ h_i^t &\leq \varphi^{-1}(\varphi(z_i) - \lambda\varphi(t)) = z_i^t, \end{aligned}$$

where the inequality is due to $h_i = h_{P(z)}(u_i) \leq z_i$ and the fact that both φ and φ^{-1} are strictly increasing. Similarly $t \leq z_i^t$ for all $1 \leq i \leq k$ and hence

$$P^t = \left(\cap_{i=1}^k H_{u_i, t}^- \right) \cap \left(\cap_{i=k+1}^m H_{u_i, h_i^t}^- \right) \subset P(z^t).$$

Note that $P^0 = P(z)$ and $o \in (P^t)'$ if $t > 0$ is small enough. Moreover,

$$\begin{aligned} C_p((P^t)') &= \frac{p-1}{n-p} \cdot \left(t \sum_{i=1}^k \mu_p((P^t)', \{u_i\}) + \sum_{i=k+1}^m h_i^t \mu_p((P^t)', \{u_i\}) \right), \\ C_p((P^t)', P'(z)) &= \frac{p-1}{n-p} \cdot \sum_{i=k+1}^m h_i \mu_p((P^t)', \{u_i\}). \end{aligned}$$

As $t \rightarrow 0^+$, one has $P^t \rightarrow P(z)$ in the Hausdorff metric and $\mu_p((P^t)', \cdot)$ converges to $\mu_p(P'(z), \cdot)$ weakly (see [11, Lemma 4.1]). Moreover,

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{C_p((P^t)') - C_p((P^t)', P'(z))}{t} &= \frac{p-1}{n-p} \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \left(\sum_{i=1}^k \mu_p((P^t)', \{u_i\}) + \sum_{i=k+1}^m \frac{h_i^t - h_i}{t} \mu_p((P^t)', \{u_i\}) \right) \\ &= \frac{p-1}{n-p} \cdot \sum_{i=1}^k \mu_p(P'(z), \{u_i\}), \end{aligned}$$

which is strictly positive by Lemma 2.1 and the fact that the origin o is contained in at least one facet. It follows from the Minkowski inequality (2.13) that

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &< \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{C_p((P^t)') - C_p((P^t)', P'(z))}{t} \\ &\leq \liminf_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{C_p((P^t)') - C_p((P^t)')^{1-\frac{1}{n-p}} C_p(P'(z))^{\frac{1}{n-p}}}{t} \\ &= C_p(P'(z))^{1-\frac{1}{n-p}} \liminf_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{C_p((P^t)')^{\frac{1}{n-p}} - C_p(P'(z))^{\frac{1}{n-p}}}{t}. \end{aligned}$$

Together with the fact that $P^t \subset P(z^t)$ for $t > 0$ small enough, one has

$$C_p(P'(z)) < C_p((P^t)') \leq C_p(P'(z^t)) \quad \text{holds for some } t > 0 \text{ small enough.}$$

This contradicts with the maximality of $C_p(P'(z))$ and hence $o \in P'(z)$. Consequently

$$C_p(P'(z)) = \max_{x \in M^* \cap \mathbb{R}_+^m} C_p(P'(x)).$$

Lemma 5.1 and the Lagrange multiplier rule yield

$$\begin{aligned} (p-1) \cdot \mu_p(P'(z), \{u_i\}) &= \eta \cdot \frac{\lambda_i}{\phi(z_i)} \quad \text{for all } 1 \leq i \leq m, \\ \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i \varphi(z_i) &= \varphi(1) \cdot \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i. \end{aligned} \tag{5.41}$$

Clearly $\eta > 0$, as otherwise $\mu_p(P'(z), \{u_i\}) = 0$ and hence $S(P(z), \{u_i\}) = 0$ (due to Lemma 2.1) for all $1 \leq i \leq m$. This leads to the volume of $P(z)$ equal to 0, which is impossible for a polytope $P(z)$ with nonempty interior. The positivity of η further yields $\mu_p(P'(z), \{u_i\}) > 0$ and hence $z_i = h_{P(z)}(u_i)$ for all $1 \leq i \leq m$. Moreover,

$$\sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i \varphi(h_{P(z)}(u_i)) = \varphi(1) \cdot \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i \quad \text{and then} \quad \|h_{P(z)}\|_{\varphi, \mu} = 1.$$

On the other hand, the constant η satisfies the following formula

$$\begin{aligned} \eta \cdot \varphi(1) \cdot \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i &= \eta \cdot \sum_{i=1}^m [\lambda_i \cdot \varphi(h_{P(z)}(u_i))] \\ &= (p-1) \cdot \sum_{i=1}^m [\varphi(h_{P(z)}(u_i)) \cdot \phi(h_{P(z)}(u_i)) \cdot \mu_p(P'(z), \{u_i\})] \\ &= (p-1) \cdot \int_{S^{n-1}} \varphi(h_{P(z)}(u)) d\mu_{p, \phi}(P'(z), u), \end{aligned}$$

where we have used (5.41). Let

$$\tau = \frac{p-1}{\eta} = \frac{\varphi(1) \cdot \int_{S^{n-1}} d\mu(u)}{\int_{S^{n-1}} \varphi(h_{P(z)}(u)) d\mu_{p,\phi}(P'(z), u)},$$

and then (5.41) yields

$$\mu = \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i \delta_{u_i} = \tau \cdot \sum_{i=1}^m \left[\phi(h_{P(z)}(u_i)) \cdot \mu_p(P'(z), \{u_i\}) \cdot \delta_{u_i} \right].$$

Similarly, the constant τ can also be calculated by, due to (5.41),

$$\tau = \left(\frac{p-1}{n-p} \right) \cdot \frac{1}{C_p(P')} \cdot \int_{S^{n-1}} \frac{h_P(u)}{\phi(h_P(u))} d\mu(u). \quad (5.42)$$

This completes the proof. \square

When $\varphi = t^q/q$ with $q > 1$, then $\phi = t^{1-q}$ and (ϕ, φ) satisfies conditions (A1) and (A2). In this case, the constant τ in Theorem 5.1 can be calculated by

$$\tau_q = \frac{q \cdot \int_{S^{n-1}} d\mu(u)}{\int_{S^{n-1}} h_P^q(u) d\mu_{p,q}(P', u)} = \frac{c_q}{C_p(P')},$$

where the constant c_q is

$$c_q = \left(\frac{p-1}{n-p} \right) \cdot q \cdot \int_{S^{n-1}} d\mu(u). \quad (5.43)$$

Following immediately from Theorem 5.1, one gets the solution for the normalized p -capacitary L_q Minkowski problem for discrete measures. The uniqueness is by Theorem 3.3 or Corollary 3.2.

Corollary 5.1. *Let $\mu = \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i \delta_{u_i}$ where $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_m > 0$ are given constants and $\{u_1, \dots, u_m\} \subset S^{n-1}$ are not contained in any closed hemisphere. For $q > 1$ and $1 < p < n$, the normalized p -capacitary L_q Minkowski problem has a unique solution, i.e., there exists a unique polytope P with the origin in its interior, such that,*

$$\mu = c_q \cdot \frac{\mu_{p,q}(P', \cdot)}{C_p(P')}.$$

5.2 The p -capacitary Orlicz-Minkowski problem for general measures

In this subsection, we provide a solution for the p -capacitary Orlicz-Minkowski problem for general measures. When $\varphi = t$, this has been investigated and solved in [11, 19, 24, 25]. See [22, Theorem 1.2] for the volumetric case. We always use Ω to mean the interior of $\overline{\Omega}$.

Theorem 5.2. *Let (ϕ, φ) satisfy conditions (A1) and (A2). Then the following are equivalent.*

i) μ is a finite Borel measure on S^{n-1} whose support is not contained in any closed hemisphere, i.e.,

$$\int_{S^{n-1}} \langle \eta, \theta \rangle_+ d\mu(\theta) > 0 \quad \text{for all } \eta > 0;$$

ii) There exist a constant $\tau > 0$ and a convex body $\overline{\Omega}$ containing the origin o , such that, for $1 < p < n$

$$\frac{\mu}{\phi(h_\Omega)} = \tau \cdot \mu_p(\Omega, \cdot).$$

Moreover, if $\overline{\Omega} \in \mathcal{K}_0$ is a convex body with the origin in its interior, then

$$\mu = \tau \cdot \phi(h_\Omega) \cdot \mu_p(\Omega, \cdot) = \tau \cdot \mu_{p,\phi}(\Omega, \cdot).$$

Proof. We first prove $i) \Rightarrow ii)$. Let μ be the measure given satisfying with assumptions in Theorem 5.2. Then there exists a sequence of discrete measures μ_j defined on S^{n-1} whose supports $\{u_1^j, \dots, u_{m_j}^j\}$ are not contained in closed hemispheres, such that, $\mu_j \rightarrow \mu$ weakly as $j \rightarrow \infty$ (see the proof of [37, Theorem 7.1.2]). By Theorem 5.1, there are polytopes P_j with the origin in their interiors, such that, for all $j \geq 1$,

$$\frac{\mu_j}{\phi(h_{P_j})} = \tau_j \cdot \mu_p(P_j', \cdot) \quad (5.44)$$

with τ_j given by (5.42) as follows:

$$\tau_j = \left(\frac{p-1}{n-p} \right) \cdot \frac{1}{C_p(P_j')} \cdot \int_{S^{n-1}} \frac{h_{P_j}(u)}{\phi(h_{P_j}(u))} d\mu_j(u).$$

Moreover, by inequality (5.40), $C_p(P_j') > C_p(B_2^n)$ for all $j \geq 1$.

Let r_j be the maximal radius of P_j and $v_j \in S^{n-1}$ be a vector such that r_j is obtained. Clearly the line segment $[0, r_j v_j] \subset P_j$ and hence

$$r_j \cdot \langle u, v_j \rangle_+ \leq h_{P_j}(u) \quad \text{for all } u \in S^{n-1}.$$

Note that $\|h_{P_j}\|_{\varphi, \mu_j} = 1$ and

$$\|r_j \cdot \langle u, v_j \rangle_+\|_{\varphi, \mu_j} = r_j \cdot \|\langle u, v_j \rangle_+\|_{\varphi, \mu_j} \leq 1.$$

A standard argument (see e.g., [17, Lemma 3], [22, Corollary 3.7], or similar results in [49]), as the supports of measures μ and μ_j are not contained in any closed hemisphere, shows that there exists a constant $R > 0$ such that $r_j \leq R$ for all $j \geq 1$, that is, $\{P_j\}_{j \geq 1}$ is bounded. It follows from the Blaschke's selection theorem that there is a subsequence, which will not be relabeled, $\{P_j\}_{j \geq 1}$ converging to a compact convex set $\overline{\Omega}$ and $h_{P_j} \rightarrow h_{\overline{\Omega}}$ uniformly on S^{n-1} . Moreover, $C_p(\overline{\Omega}) \geq C_p(B_2^n) > 0$ due to the continuity of the p -capacity.

Case 1: the interior of $\overline{\Omega}$ is nonempty. In this case, $\overline{\Omega}$ is a convex body containing the origin. Let $\tau = \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \tau_j$. By the continuity of the p -capacity, [49, Lemma 4.2], and the uniform continuity of the function $t/\phi(t)$ (whose value at $t = 0$ is set to be 0 due to $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} t/\phi(t) = 0$) on any closed bounded interval $[0, b]$, one has

$$\begin{aligned} \tau &= \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{p-1}{n-p} \right) \cdot \frac{1}{C_p(P_j')} \cdot \int_{S^{n-1}} \frac{h_{P_j}(u)}{\phi(h_{P_j}(u))} d\mu_j(u) \\ &= \left(\frac{p-1}{n-p} \right) \cdot \frac{1}{C_p(\Omega)} \cdot \int_{S^{n-1}} \frac{h_\Omega(u)}{\phi(h_\Omega(u))} d\mu(u). \end{aligned}$$

Together with (5.44) and [11, Lemma 4.1], one has $\mu_p(P'_j, \cdot) \rightarrow \mu_p(\Omega, \cdot)$ weakly and for any continuous function $f : S^{n-1} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$,

$$\begin{aligned} \tau \cdot \int_{S^{n-1}} f(u) d\mu_p(\Omega, u) &= \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \tau_j \cdot \int_{S^{n-1}} f(u) d\mu_p(P'_j, u) \\ &= \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \int_{S^{n-1}} \frac{f(u)}{\phi(h_{P_j}(u))} d\mu_j(u) \\ &= \int_{S^{n-1}} \frac{f(u)}{\phi(h_\Omega(u))} d\mu(u). \end{aligned}$$

Hence, $\mu_p(P_j, \cdot) \rightarrow \frac{\mu}{\phi(h_\Omega)}$ weakly and $\frac{\mu}{\phi(h_\Omega)} = \tau \cdot \mu_p(\Omega, \cdot)$ by the uniqueness of the weak limit. Of course, if $\overline{\Omega} \in \mathcal{K}_0$, then h_Ω is strictly positive on S^{n-1} and

$$\mu = \tau \cdot \phi(h_\Omega) \cdot \mu_p(\Omega, \cdot) = \tau \cdot \mu_{p, \phi}(\Omega, \cdot).$$

Case 2: the interior of $\overline{\Omega}$ is empty. In this case, without loss of generality, let

$$\overline{\Omega} = \left\{ (x_1, \dots, x_k, 0, \dots, 0) : x_1, \dots, x_k \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

with k the Hausdorff dimension of $\overline{\Omega}$ which is at most $n-1$. In fact $k \neq 0$, as otherwise if $k = 0$, then $\overline{\Omega}$ contains only one point and hence $C_p(\overline{\Omega}) = 0$ which contradicts with $C_p(\overline{\Omega}) > 0$. Define

$$\overline{\Omega}_\perp = \left\{ (y_1, \dots, y_n) \in S^{n-1} : 0 = \sum_{j=1}^k x_j y_j, \text{ for all } (x_1, \dots, x_k, 0, \dots, 0) \in \overline{\Omega} \right\}.$$

Note that $h_{\overline{\Omega}}(\eta) = 0$ for any $\eta \in \overline{\Omega}_\perp$ and the Hausdorff dimension of $\overline{\Omega}_\perp$ is $n-k-1 \in [0, n-2]$. Moreover, the support of the surface area measure $g_*(\mathcal{H}^{n-1}|_{\partial\overline{\Omega}})$, the pull back measure of $\mathcal{H}^{n-1}|_{\partial\overline{\Omega}}$ with respect to the map g , is contained in $\overline{\Omega}_\perp$.

Let $\rho_{\overline{\Omega}}(u) = \max\{\lambda > 0 : \lambda u \in \overline{\Omega}\}$ be the radius function of $\overline{\Omega}$. As claimed above, $\overline{\Omega}$ is not a singleton set, then there exists $\eta_0 \in S^{n-1}$ such that $\rho_{\overline{\Omega}}(\eta_0) > 0$ and $\eta_0 \perp \overline{\Omega}_\perp$. Consider the following equator:

$$\mathbb{E} = S^{n-1} \cap \{y \in \mathbb{R}^n : \langle y, \eta_0 \rangle = 0\}.$$

Clearly, $\overline{\Omega}_\perp \subset \mathbb{E}$ due to $\eta_0 \perp \overline{\Omega}_\perp$. Moreover, if $\langle \theta, \eta_0 \rangle > 0$, then

$$h_{\overline{\Omega}}(\theta) = \max_{x \in \overline{\Omega}} \langle x, \theta \rangle \geq \rho_{\overline{\Omega}}(\eta_0) \cdot \langle \eta_0, \theta \rangle > 0.$$

Recall that the support of μ is not contained in any closed hemisphere. Together with the monotone convergent theorem, one has

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &< \int_{S^{n-1}} \langle \eta_0, \theta \rangle_+ d\mu(\theta) \quad (= \mu_{\eta_0}) \\ &= \int_{\{\theta \in S^{n-1} : \langle \eta_0, \theta \rangle > 0\}} \langle \eta_0, \theta \rangle_+ d\mu(\theta) \\ &= \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\{\theta \in S^{n-1} : \langle \eta_0, \theta \rangle > 0 \text{ and } h_{\overline{\Omega}}(\theta) \geq 1/k\}} \langle \eta_0, \theta \rangle_+ d\mu(\theta). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, there exists an integer N_0 such that for all $k \geq N_0$,

$$\int_{\{\theta \in S^{n-1} : h_{\overline{\Omega}}(\theta) \geq 1/k\}} \langle \eta_0, \theta \rangle_+ d\mu(\theta) > \frac{\mu_{\eta_0}}{2} > 0.$$

It follows from [11, Theorem 2.8 (ii)] and a finite covering of ∂P_j that there are constants $q > p$ and $c_j > 0$ such that

$$\int_{\partial P_j} \|\nabla U_{P'_j}\|^q d\mathcal{H}^{n-1} \leq c_j \cdot \left(\int_{\partial P_j} \|\nabla U_{P'_j}\|^{p-1} d\mathcal{H}^{n-1} \right)^{q/(p-1)} = c_j \cdot \left(C_p(P'_j) \right)^{q/(p-1)}.$$

Due to the argument for [27, (137)], c_j has a subsequence $\{c_{j_k}\}$ approaching to a constant $c > 0$ depending on $p < q$ and $\overline{\Omega}$. Together with the fact that $\mu_j \rightarrow \mu$ weakly, one has

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\mu_{\eta_0}}{2} &< \int_{\{\theta \in S^{n-1}: h_{\overline{\Omega}}(\theta) \geq 1/N_0\}} \langle \eta_0, \theta \rangle_+ d\mu(\theta) \\ &= \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\{\theta \in S^{n-1}: h_{\overline{\Omega}}(\theta) \geq 1/N_0\}} \langle \eta_0, \theta \rangle_+ d\mu_{j_k}(\theta) \\ &= \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \tau_{j_k} \int_{\{\theta \in S^{n-1}: h_{\overline{\Omega}}(\theta) \geq 1/N_0\}} \langle \eta_0, \theta \rangle_+ \cdot \phi(h_{P_{j_k}}(\theta)) d\mu_p(P'_{j_k}, \theta). \end{aligned}$$

Recall that $h_{P_{j_k}} \rightarrow h_{\overline{\Omega}}$ uniformly on S^{n-1} , then for all k big enough,

$$R \geq h_{P_{j_k}} \geq \frac{1}{2N_0} \quad \text{on the set } \{\theta \in S^{n-1}: h_{\overline{\Omega}}(\theta) \geq 1/N_0\},$$

where $R < \infty$ is the constant given above (i.e., the uniform upper bound of r_j). As ϕ is continuous, then ϕ can attain its maximum, say $M < \infty$, on the closed bounded interval $[\frac{1}{2N_0}, R]$. Together with Hölder's inequality with $q > p$ and the fact that $g_*(\mathcal{H}^{n-1}|_{\partial P_j}) \rightarrow g_*(\mathcal{H}^{n-1}|_{\partial \overline{\Omega}})$ weakly, one gets (for convenience the Gauss maps of P_{j_k} are all denoted by g unless otherwise stated)

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\mu_{\eta_0}}{2} &< M\tau \cdot \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\{\theta \in S^{n-1}: h_{\overline{\Omega}}(\theta) \geq 1/N_0\}} \langle \eta_0, \theta \rangle_+ d\mu_p(P'_{j_k}, \theta) \\ &\leq M\tau \cdot \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\partial P_{j_k}} \langle \eta_0, g(x) \rangle_+ \cdot \|\nabla U_{P'_{j_k}}(x)\|^p d\mathcal{H}^{n-1}(x) \\ &\leq M\tau \cdot \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\left(\int_{\partial P_{j_k}} \langle \eta_0, g(x) \rangle_+ \cdot \|\nabla U_{P'_{j_k}}(x)\|^q d\mathcal{H}^{n-1}(x) \right)^{\frac{p}{q}}}{\left(\int_{\partial P_{j_k}} \langle \eta_0, g(x) \rangle_+ d\mathcal{H}^{n-1}(x) \right)^{\frac{p}{q}-1}} \\ &\leq M\tau \cdot \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\left(\int_{\partial P_{j_k}} \|\nabla U_{P'_{j_k}}(x)\|^q d\mathcal{H}^{n-1}(x) \right)^{\frac{p}{q}}}{\left(\int_{S^{n-1}} \langle \eta_0, \theta \rangle_+ dg_*(\mathcal{H}^{n-1}|_{\partial P_{j_k}})(\theta) \right)^{\frac{p}{q}-1}} \\ &\leq M\tau \cdot \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left(c_{j_k} (C_p(P'_{j_k}))^{\frac{q}{p-1}} \right)^{\frac{p}{q}} \left(\int_{S^{n-1}} \langle \eta_0, \theta \rangle_+ dg_*(\mathcal{H}^{n-1}|_{\partial P_{j_k}})(\theta) \right)^{1-\frac{p}{q}} \\ &\leq M\tau \cdot \left(c(C_p(\overline{\Omega}))^{\frac{q}{p-1}} \right)^{\frac{p}{q}} \cdot \left(\int_{S^{n-1}} \langle \eta_0, \theta \rangle_+ dg_*(\mathcal{H}^{n-1}|_{\partial \overline{\Omega}})(\theta) \right)^{1-\frac{p}{q}}. \end{aligned}$$

Recall that $\langle \eta_0, \theta \rangle = 0$ for all $\theta \in \mathbb{E}$. As the support of the surface area measure $g_*(\mathcal{H}^{n-1}|_{\partial \overline{\Omega}})$ is

contained in $\overline{\Omega}_\perp \subset \mathbb{E}$, one gets the following contradiction:

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\mu_{\eta_0}}{2} &< M\tau \cdot \left(c(C_p(\overline{\Omega}))^{\frac{q}{p-1}} \right)^{\frac{p}{q}} \cdot \left(\int_{S^{n-1}} \langle \eta_0, \theta \rangle_+ d\mathbf{g}_*(\mathcal{H}^{n-1}|_{\partial\overline{\Omega}})(\theta) \right)^{1-\frac{p}{q}} \\
&= M\tau \cdot \left(c(C_p(\overline{\Omega}))^{\frac{q}{p-1}} \right)^{\frac{p}{q}} \cdot \left(\int_{\mathbb{E}} \langle \eta_0, \theta \rangle_+ d\mathbf{g}_*(\mathcal{H}^{n-1}|_{\partial\overline{\Omega}})(\theta) \right)^{1-\frac{p}{q}} \\
&= 0.
\end{aligned}$$

Now we prove $ii) \Rightarrow i)$. Suppose that there exist a constant $\tau > 0$ and a convex body $\overline{\Omega}$ containing the origin o , such that, for $1 < p < n$

$$\frac{\mu}{\phi(h_\Omega)} = \tau \cdot \mu_p(\Omega, \cdot).$$

Note that the support of $\mu_p(\Omega, \cdot)$ is not contained in any closed hemisphere and

$$\int_{\{\theta \in S^{n-1}: h_\Omega(\theta)=0\}} d\mu_p(\Omega, \theta) = \int_{\{\theta \in S^{n-1}: h_\Omega(\theta)=0\}} \frac{1}{\phi(h_\Omega(\theta))} d\mu(\theta) = 0,$$

where we have used $\frac{1}{\phi(t)}|_{t=0^+} = 0$ due to $\phi(t) \rightarrow \infty$ as $t \rightarrow 0^+$. Then, for any given $\eta \in S^{n-1}$,

$$0 < \int_{S^{n-1}} \langle \eta, \theta \rangle_+ d\mu_p(\Omega, \theta) = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\{\theta \in S^{n-1}: h_\Omega(\theta) \geq 1/k\}} \langle \eta, \theta \rangle_+ d\mu_p(\Omega, \theta).$$

Therefore, there exists N_0 (depending on η of course) such that for all $k \geq N_0$,

$$0 < \int_{\{\theta \in S^{n-1}: h_\Omega(\theta) \geq 1/k\}} \langle \eta, \theta \rangle_+ d\mu_p(\Omega, \theta).$$

This further implies that, for any $\eta \in S^{n-1}$,

$$\begin{aligned}
\int_{S^{n-1}} \langle \eta, \theta \rangle_+ d\mu(\theta) &\geq \int_{\{\theta \in S^{n-1}: h_\Omega(\theta) \geq 1/N_0\}} \langle \eta, \theta \rangle_+ d\mu(\theta) \\
&= \tau \cdot \int_{\{\theta \in S^{n-1}: h_\Omega(\theta) \geq 1/N_0\}} \langle \eta, \theta \rangle_+ \cdot \phi(h_\Omega(\theta)) d\mu_p(\Omega, \theta) \\
&= \tau \cdot \tilde{m}_\phi \cdot \int_{\{\theta \in S^{n-1}: h_\Omega(\theta) \geq 1/N_0\}} \langle \eta, \theta \rangle_+ d\mu_p(\Omega, \theta) \\
&> 0,
\end{aligned}$$

where we let $R = \sup_{\theta \in S^{n-1}} h_\Omega(\theta) < \infty$ be a strictly positive constant and

$$\tilde{m}_\phi = \min \left\{ \phi(t) : t \in \left[\frac{1}{N_0}, R \right] \right\} \in (0, \infty).$$

This completes the proof. \square

When $\varphi = t^q/q$ with $q > 1$, then $\phi = t^{1-q}$ and (ϕ, φ) satisfies conditions (A1) and (A2). The solution for the normalized p -capacitary L_q Minkowski problem for general measures can be stated as follows. Let c_q be the constant given by (5.43).

Corollary 5.2. *Let $p \in (1, n)$ and $q > 1$ be given constants. The following are equivalent.*

i) μ is a finite Borel measure on S^{n-1} whose support is not contained in any closed hemisphere, i.e.,

$$\int_{S^{n-1}} \langle \eta, \theta \rangle_+ d\mu(\theta) > 0 \quad \text{for all } \eta > 0;$$

ii) The normalized p -capacitary L_q Minkowski problem has a unique solution, i.e., there exists a unique convex body $\overline{\Omega}$ containing the origin o , such that, for $1 < p < n$,

$$\mu \cdot h_{\Omega}^{q-1} = c_q \cdot \frac{\mu_p(\Omega, \cdot)}{C_p(\Omega)}.$$

Moreover, if $\overline{\Omega} \in \mathcal{K}_0$ is a convex body with the origin in its interior, then

$$\mu = \frac{c_q \cdot \mu_{p,q}(\Omega, \cdot)}{C_p(\Omega)}.$$

Proof. The direction $ii) \Rightarrow i)$ follows immediately from Theorem 5.2 by letting $\phi = t^{1-q}$. For $i) \Rightarrow ii)$, the existence of a convex body $\overline{\Omega}$ containing the origin o is an immediate consequence of Theorem 5.2. When $\overline{\Omega} \in \mathcal{K}_0$, the uniqueness follows from Theorem 3.3 or Corollary 3.2. If the origin is not in the interior of $\overline{\Omega}$, the uniqueness can be proved based on the technique in proving [17, Lemma 2.1]. We include a self-contained brief proof here for completeness.

Assume that there exist two convex bodies $\overline{\Omega}$ and $\overline{\Omega}_1$ containing the origin such that

$$\mu \cdot h_{\Omega}^{q-1} \cdot C_p(\Omega) = c_q \cdot \mu_p(\Omega, \cdot) \quad \text{and} \quad \mu \cdot h_{\Omega_1}^{q-1} \cdot C_p(\Omega_1) = c_q \cdot \mu_p(\Omega_1, \cdot).$$

These formulas yield that

$$\left(\frac{p-1}{n-p} \right) \cdot \int_{S^{n-1}} h_{\Omega}^q d\mu(u) = \left(\frac{p-1}{n-p} \right) \cdot \int_{S^{n-1}} h_{\Omega_1}^q d\mu(u) = c_q.$$

Let $\Sigma = \{u \in S^{n-1} : h_{\Omega}(u) > 0\}$ and hence

$$\begin{aligned} C_p(\Omega) &= \left(\frac{p-1}{n-p} \right) \cdot \int_{\Sigma} h_{\Omega} d\mu_p(\Omega, u), \\ 0 &= C_p(\Omega) \int_{S^{n-1} \setminus \Sigma} h_{\Omega}^{q-1}(u) d\mu(u) = c_q \cdot \int_{S^{n-1} \setminus \Sigma} d\mu_p(\Omega, \cdot) \\ C_p(\Omega, \Omega_1) &= \left(\frac{p-1}{n-p} \right) \cdot \int_{\Sigma} h_{\Omega_1} d\mu_p(\Omega, u). \end{aligned}$$

Holder's inequality implies that

$$c_q = \left(\frac{p-1}{n-p} \right) \cdot \int_{S^{n-1}} h_{\Omega_1}^q d\mu(u) \geq \left(\frac{p-1}{n-p} \right) \cdot \int_{\Sigma} h_{\Omega_1}^q d\mu(u) \geq c_q \cdot \left(\frac{C_p(\Omega, \Omega_1)}{C_p(\Omega)} \right)^q.$$

Together with the Minkowski inequality (2.13), one gets $C_p(\Omega) \geq C_p(\Omega_1)$. By switching the roles of Ω and Ω_1 , one can also have $C_p(\Omega) \leq C_p(\Omega_1)$ and $C_p(\Omega) = C_p(\Omega_1)$. Hence, the equality holds in Minkowski inequality (2.13) and then Ω_1 is a translation of Ω , say $\Omega_1 = \Omega + a$ for some $a \in \mathbb{R}^n$.

The uniqueness follows if $a = 0$. To this end, assume that $a \neq 0$. By the translation invariance of the measures $\mu_p(\Omega, \cdot)$ and $\mu_p(\Omega_1, \cdot)$, one has

$$\int_{\{u \in S^{n-1} : \langle a, u \rangle > 0\}} [h_{\Omega_1}^{q-1}(u) - h_{\Omega}^{q-1}(u)] d\mu = 0.$$

Note that $h_{\Omega_1}(u) = h_{\Omega}(u) + \langle a, u \rangle > h_{\Omega}(u)$ for all $u \in \{u \in S^{n-1} : \langle a, u \rangle > 0\}$. Then

$$\int_{\{u \in S^{n-1} : \langle a, u \rangle > 0\}} [h_{\Omega_1}^{q-1}(u) - h_{\Omega}^{q-1}(u)] d\mu > 0,$$

which follows from the assumption that the support of μ is not contained in the complement of $\{u \in S^{n-1} : \langle a, u \rangle > 0\}$. This is a contradiction and hence $a = 0$. \square

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